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Unit departs for Iraq mission

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Friends and family of members in the 507th Engineer Battalion bid an emotional farewell to their loved ones Monday morning.

The 507th Engineer Battalion departed from Camp Grayling Monday for a 12-month tour as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 40 members of the unit and their families shared anxious feelings as reports of increased terrorist attacks and major offensive operations launched by the U.S. Military in Iraq were in the news.

"I'm anxious, nervous and scared, not knowing what's going to happen," said Pvt. Larry Robertson, a radio operator for the unit from Grand Rapids.

Several members of the Robertson family, including the family dog, Rosie, were on hand on a chilly Monday morning to see the unit off.

"I'm just worried about my son," said Pam Robertson, Larry's mother. "It's not like a regular war. You don't know who are your friends and who is the enemy."

Spc. Don Gaines, a fueller from the 1437th unit from Kinross, volunteered to be deployed with the 507th detachment after serving a six-month Homeland Security Mission at the Selfridge Air National Guard base near Warren.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson
Teresa Gertiser and Sgt. Janice Libstorff, both of Grayling, embrace just as the 507th Engineer Battalion prepared to depart from Camp Grayling Monday for a 12-month mission in Iraq.

County backs Bush, police and state proposals

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County mirrored state voter turnout records as residents went to the polls to make their voices heard in the November 2 general election.

Sixty-four percent or 7,376 out of 11,584 registered voters in Crawford County cast ballots at the polls last week.

"It was the largest record turnout ever here," said Sandra Moore, the Crawford County clerk/register of deeds.

Statewide, over 4.8 million or 68 percent of registered voters cast ballots at the polls.

"From the courthouse to the White House, the voices of Michigan residents were heard loud and clear on Election Day," Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said.

President George Bush garnered the most votes in Crawford County as he was elected to four more years in the White House. Sen. John Kerry, however, received the state's electoral votes by earning the most votes in the state in his unsuccessful bid for the nation's top elected position.

Rep. Matt Gillard, D, Alpena, won his race in Crawford County and the other five counties in his district for his second term as a state lawmaker. Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, will head back to the U.S. Congress

for another two years after winning in his district which covers 30 and 1/2 Michigan counties including Crawford County.

Crawford County voters overwhelmingly approved the statewide gambling and marriage proposals, which also received a thumbs up around the state.

The .90 of a mill levy for the Crawford Sheriff's Department, which will put deputies back on the road after midnight, passed by a 4,433 yes to 2,258 no vote.

The election results, which have been approved by the Crawford County Board of Canvassers, are listed below. Winners for contested races are highlighted in bold type. Results for federal and state offices and proposals are listed in parentheses next to the vote tallies recorded in Crawford County.

County Commissioner 7th District - Terry Beardslee (R) 545; Roy Spangler (D) 446.

Beaver Creek Township - Township Supervisor - Lee Riley (R) 399; Kathleen Moharak (R registered write-in candidate) 341.

Frederic Township - Township Supervisor - Jeffrey S. Kea (R) 355; William T. Johnson (D) 294; George Emerson (NPA write-in) 21. Township Trustee - Donna

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Deputies will resume midnight road patrol

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield is pleased that voters have given the sheriff's department the vote of confidence to bring the road patrol back to full force.

The .90 of a mill police protection proposal which was on the November general election ballots last week passed by a 3,958 yes to 2,886 no vote. Voters in the City of Grayling and all six townships in Crawford County overwhelmingly supported the tax levy.

"I'm ecstatic," said Wakefield, who spent several hours a week over the last couple of months promoting the millage. "We'll make it work. I promise that. That's no problem."

County officials now have until next October 1 to plan to put the deputies back on the midnight road patrol since the county's budget year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. The millage proposal approved by voters runs from 2005 to 2009.

Wakefield said the department could not fiscally support

bringing the deputies on after the start of the year since the added taxes will not be collected until next fall.

"If I put them back on in January, I would run up such a large deficit, and I would never be able to make that up," Wakefield said.

Instead, the three deputies who serve as school liaison officers will be back on the road next fall. The federal Cops in Schools grant is due to run out in September and it does not look like there will be additional funding budgeted to support the grants.

"Those three guys will come out of the schools and will go back on the road patrol and I will also have to hire a new guy," Wakefield said.

Wakefield stressed that the department will continue the DARE, Junior Deputy and Safety Patrol programs in the schools.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners cut the road patrol from the midnight shift in 1998 due to budget woes. Two previous millage requests were rejected by voters.

School dances held to benefit Shane's Team

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling Elementary School students got a lesson in Dance 101 last week as they continued to support a fellow classmate.

Two dances were held in the school cafeteria last week as a fund-raiser for Shane Kraycs, a fifth grader who was diagnosed with Osteogenic sarcoma in July.

About 114 kindergarten through second grade students attended the first dance. A dance held for third through fifth grade students drew about 190 students.

The students got down to the limbo, did the "Hokey Pokey" and got their groove on to classics such as "Celebration" and "YMCA" as well as current hit songs. Several of the students wore their yellow "Shane's Team" shirts at the dances.

James Brown, a music teacher at the Grayling Elementary School, and his wife, Renee, spearheaded the dances to help the Kraycs Family.

"We all just wanted to do something and wanted to get the kids involved," Renee said. "It's

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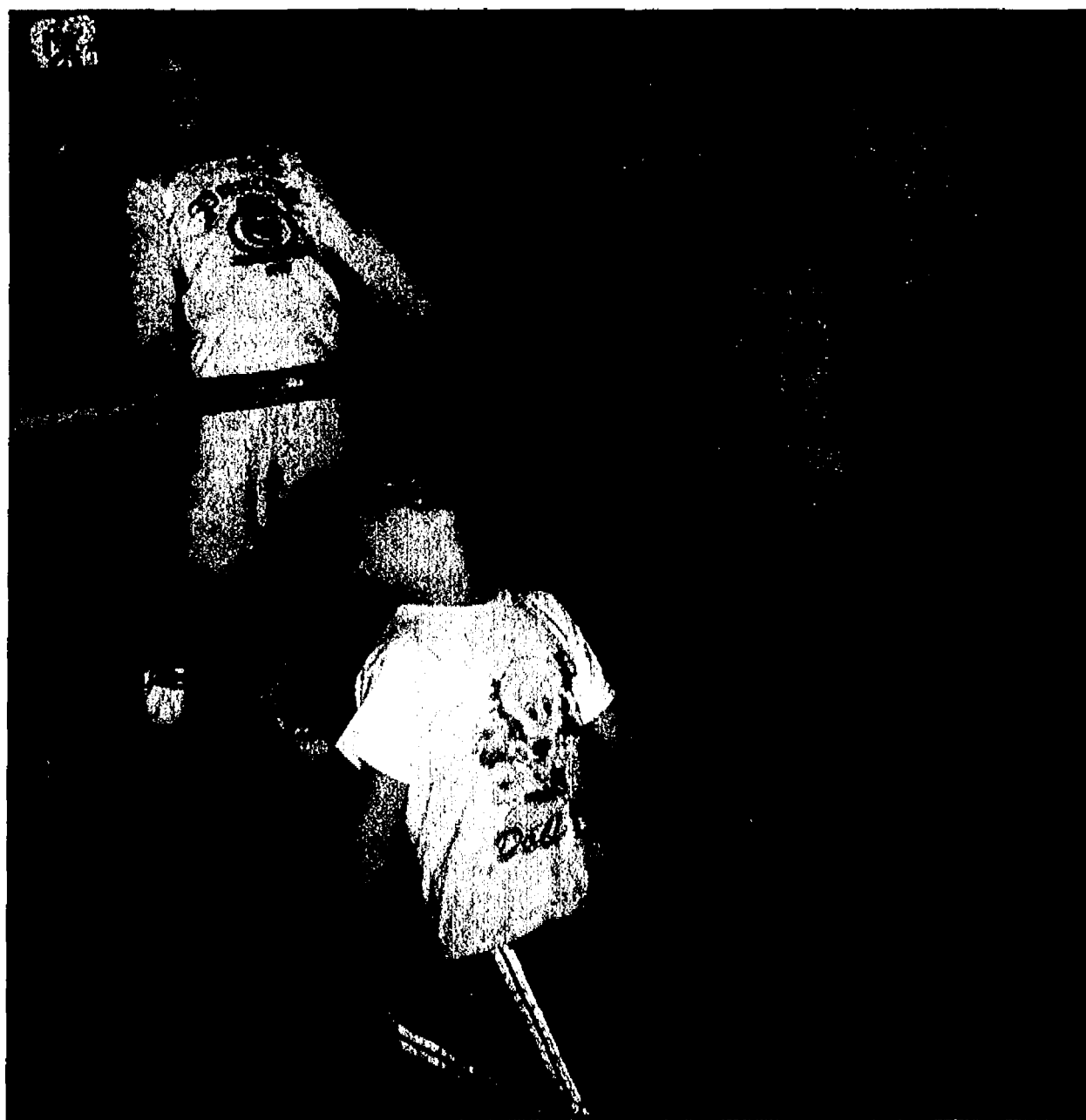


Photo by Dan Sanderson
Students got down to the limbo at a school dance held last week to benefit Shane Kraycs.

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ried about my family," Gaines said.

"It's what every soldier's thoughts are - second thoughts," added Dave Gaines, Don's father. Seeing the troops off was par-

ticularly difficult for Teresa Gertiser of Johannesburg. Gertiser was on hand to support Sgt. Janice Libstorff, a supply clerk with the unit from Grayling.

Two weeks ago, Gertiser son,

Spc. Christopher Gertiser, departed for Iraq with the 1436th unit.

"It's hard to see them go," Gertiser said.

Four members of the 507th unit have been previously

deployed for Operation Desert Storm or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Six other National Guard units from around the state have recently received their mobilization orders.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

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County backs Bush, police and state proposals

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Masker (R) 326; Sam Moore (R) 333; Ernest Barber (D) 284; Geraldine Gail Smith (D) 25; Kenneth Smith (NPA write-in) 25.

Grayling Township
Township Trustees - Shawn M. Kraycs (R) 1,977; Dennis J. Long (R) 1,474; Carolyn DiPonio (D) 1,454.

Lovells Township
Township Trustees - Warren H. Fuchs (R) 189; Annette Stimpson (R) 183; Delphine R. Nowaczyk (D) 190.

Maple Forest Township
Township Trustees - Ernest

Wagne 77 (R); Bernard R. Feldhauser 162 (D); Kris Madill (D) 131.

South Branch Township
Township Clerk - Arlene Miller (R) 446; Laura Smith (D) 496.

Township Treasurer - Suzanne E. Lück (R) 625; Roxanne James (NPA) 82.
Township Trustees - Michael J. Janisse (R) 482; Paul Musselman (R) 428; Bernice M. McGillis (D) 423; Joseph Myers (NPA) 167.

President/Vice President of the United States - George W. Bush/Dick Cheney (R) 4,017 (2,307,040); John F. Kerry/John Edwards (D) 3,126 (2,458,931); David Cobb/Patricia LaMarche (G) 14 (5,311); Michael Anthony

Peroutke/Chuck Baldwin (US) 10 (4,962); Michael Badnarik/Richard Campagna (L) 24 (10,548); Walter Brown/Mary Alice Herbert (NL) 1 (1,443); Ralph Nader/Peter Miguel Carnejo (NPA) 43 (23,934).

Representative in Congress 1st District (2 Year Term) - Don Hooper (R) 2,704 (105,669); Bart Stupak (D) 4,087 (211,487); David J. Newland (G) 65 (3,107); John W. Loosemore (L) 58 (2,291).

Representative in State Legislature 106th District (2 Year Term) - Richard Fortier (R) 3,167 (18,497); Matt Gillard (D) 3,576 (25,830).

State Ballot Proposal 04-1 -

A proposal to amend the state constitution to require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law and certain new state lottery games - **YES 4,278 (2,663,500) to NO 2,124 (1,911,062).**

State Ballot Proposal 04-2 -
A proposal to amend the state constitution to specify what can be recognized as a "marriage or similar union" for any purpose - **YES 3,992 (2,673,136) to NO 2,291 (1,888,065).**

Beaver Creek Township Proposal Headlee Rollback -
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gone over good and it's been good for the kids." Brown operates a business called Dynamic James DJ entertainment, and provides entertainment at weddings and anniversary celebrations.

Shane was on hand at one of the dances. A portion of donations raised also went to the family of Amanda McClellan, an elementary student who is due to have a kidney transplant.

"It's not always about the money," Brown said "It's about trying to boost spirits and to let Shane know that everybody is with him in this."

Madison Nielson, a third grader, said she appreciated having the opportunity to attend the dance on a chilly fall night.

"It's awesome - definitely to see Shane," Nielson said.

Shane underwent surgery to replace his knee and a portion of his femur to remove the cancer which infected his bones on October 26.

"He's sore and in a lot of pain, but in good spirits," said Shawn Kraycs, Shane's father.

Shane now faces six to nine months of chemotherapy to attack the cancer which has spread into his lungs.

Various fund raisers have generated about \$18,000 for the Kraycs family as the community continues to rally behind Shane.

"The support of the community has been unbelievable," Shawn said. "When a child has a serious illness, this community knows no boundaries. They do anything and everything that they can and that's what makes Crawford County so awesome."



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Shane Kraycs attended one of the dances last week held at the Grayling Elementary School. Above, Shane is pictured with Amanda McClellan, a student who is due to have a kidney transplant, and her cousin, Judy Wright.

State to proceed with renovations to city dam

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A project to renovate the city dam will proceed this winter after the City of Grayling received a grant to relocate a water main near the dam.

The city received a \$168,360 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation which will pay to relocate the water main located near the city park dam and replace an undersized water main which crosses the AuSable River at Maple Street. The efficiency of the city's entire water system is expected to improve once the project is completed.

The location of the city water main became an issue earlier this year as Department of Natural Resources officials planned to begin a longtime goal of lowering the city park pond by one foot after the dam is renovated. The project will allow trout to travel upstream and will cool water temperatures down stream from the dam.

The water main would have been more susceptible to damage or freezing once it was not located under water.

City officials at their recent meeting directed city attorney Dave Sabin to draft a contract releasing Pete's Contracting of Farwell from liability for potential damage to the water main while work on the dam is being completed.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said the city did not have the option of not using the water main while work is being done on the dam.

"If there is a fire, and we need volumes of water, it might be a problem," Lowe said.

Steven Sendak, a DNR fisheries biologist, said there is not a timetable to start lowering the level of water of the city pond.

"We don't want to wait too long to do the draw down because there are a lot of people who are anxiously waiting for it," Sendak said.

The dam was first built in the late 1800's to create a storage pond for timber which supplied the local lumber mills.

The dam was rebuilt in 1932 as part of a bridge reconstruction project.

Rusty Gates, president of the Angler of the AuSable, said the dam has made fish habitat marginal because it acts as a solar collector for the river.

"Anything we can do to mitigate this temperature issue will only improve the habitat for trout," Gates said.

Terry Warrington, president of the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited, said he looks forward to returning the river to pre-lumbering era conditions.

"This dam has done nothing for the health of the river," Warrington said.

Officials explore ways to get water to beautify city

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A tanker truck used by the Grayling City/Township Fire Department for 30 years will receive a new life.

The Grayling City Council at its October 25 regular meeting agreed to sell a tanker truck to Camp AuSable for \$800. The truck is a 1974 model and has outlived its usefulness for the department, said Travis Roberts, the fire marshal/inspector for the fire department.

Camp AuSable is a 750 acre retreat located off of M-72 East which is open to church youth groups of any denomination during the summer months. The camp is open to churches, patrons and pastors of the Seventh Day Adventist Church the remainder of the year.

Scott Backer, camp manager for Camp AuSable, said the tanker truck will be used for dust suppression on the trails leading to camp fire sites.

"It's kind of a dusty mess here during the summer," Backer said. "We're hoping that will fit the bill for that."

The truck will also be used to put water into fire suppression system's used in camp buildings and will probably find some other uses.

"It's going to be a real blessing," Baker said.

While the truck appears to be a perfect fit for Camp AuSable, other possibilities for the truck have left some with sore feelings.

City officials had held off on selling the truck while it considered an option to let the Grayling Promotional Association and Grayling Uptown District Association use the rig to water flowers.

Grayling Mayor Joe Ferrigan said Crawford County Road Commission officials had also offered the city \$2,500 for the truck because they were interested in a pump which was on the tanker. The fire department is keeping the pump to use on another tanker truck, Roberts said.

City council members opted to follow through with sale to Camp AuSable after it received a letter and check from camp officials.

City attorney Dave Sabin said a verbal agreement between

camp and city officials should be honored. Sabin had also previously advised city officials that there should be some sort of financial consideration for the truck.

"The city should stand behind what it says," Sabin said. "When this thing started you were ready to give the thing away."

Ferrigan and other city officials will explore alternative ways to help GPA and GUDA meet its needs.

"I feel bad about how this whole thing has worked out," Ferrigan said.

Access to water became an issue when the city removed planters downtown which had their own underground watering system in September 2002. The planters were removed due to snow removal issues, safety issues for pedestrians on the sidewalks and the appearance of some planters which were not maintained. GUDA paid the city for the water for the plants.

The landscaped areas were filled with concrete. Large flower pots, which are placed downtown in the spring and removed in the fall, were put in their place.

GPA members plant flowers every year in front of the American Legion, at the entrances to the city on North Down River Road and the I-75 Business Loop, on the bridge over the AuSable River and in front of the Grayling Township Hall.

Betty Bennett, president of the Grayling Promotional Association, said members of the organization were disappointed when they heard about the sale of the fire truck because they had asked city officials for help to beautify the town for those who live here and to entice tourists to stop in town.

"It's just very difficult and a truck would have made it so much better," Bennett said.

Although Doug Meroney, the director of GUDA, said he believed the city should follow through with the sale of the truck to Camp AuSable, he urged city officials to take other measures to give business owners and volunteers a hand in enhancing the community.

"Every place needs water and when we do it's a bucket brigade," Meroney said.

Community party held in Frederic



Clara Varco (seated) and Maggie Watts have been helping out at the Frederic community party held on Halloween for the last 15 years.

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Every Halloween for the last 34 years, the fire whistle has blown at the Frederic Fire Hall to signify the beginning of the community party.

The Fire Department, which hosts the party, raises money through various means to pay for the party, which is free to all Frederic area residents.

According to Clara Varco, a retired lieutenant of the Frederic Fire Department, the party has been growing larger each year. Officials estimated that somewhere between 400 and 500 people attended

the party this year.

Volunteers cooked over 500 hot-dogs this year and lots of hot chocolate was also available for the attendees.

Many children came in costume and picked up some of the free candy, but Fire Chief Doug Pratt said this was really a party for the whole community.

Community members not only had a chance to talk with friends and neighbors, they also got to admire the fire equipment. One of the trucks was stationed outside the hall with its lights flashing, inviting the community members to "come on down."

Police offer workshops to prevent crime

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Police Department is offering a pair of crime prevention workshops to area business owners and managers as the busy holiday season approaches.

With the holiday season coming up and several recent reports of suspected counterfeit money scams, Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner said the police department has a duty to assist the local business community with crime prevention education.

The three-hour workshops will be offered on Monday, November 22 and Tuesday, November 23 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

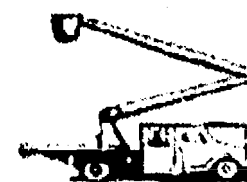
Topics for the workshops will include prevention tips for armed robbery, shoplifting, fraud, identification theft, security survey and emergency preparedness.

"Historically, the holiday season brings an increase in some of these types of crimes," Schreiner

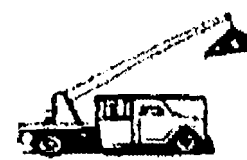
said. "Participants in this workshop will receive useful tips and information that will help them in reducing their chances of becoming victims and provide a safer environment for their employees and customers."

For more information or to register for the workshop, call the Grayling City Police Department at (989) 348-4621.

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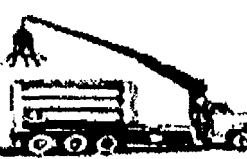
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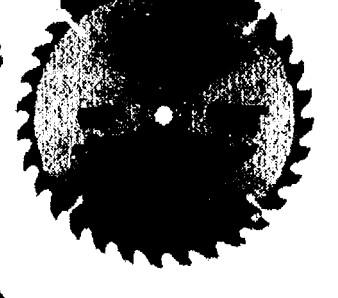
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by Richard Millman

New political argument: Who's more moral?

IT'S NOT SO much that Democrats lost the 2004 presidential election as that Republicans won it.

That's the way it seems to me a week or so after the political dust settled.

Democrats turned out a bigger vote for their candidate than four years ago, both nationally and in Michigan. They registered thousands of new and young voters, and got more of them to the polls than in 2000. True, the overall percentage of young voters stayed at 17 percent, but raw numbers were higher, which was the goal in the first place.

In Michigan, Democrats again delivered our electoral votes. Democrats also won enough new seats in the Michigan House of Representatives to narrow Republican control from 17 seats to just six, and won seven of eight seats on various state education boards. Supreme Court races don't really count in a partisan tally because it's legally non-partisan and incumbents of both parties usu-

ally win, as they did again this year.

The fact is Democrats won the election in Michigan, and did well all over the country.

The reason they lost the presidential race and five U.S. senate seats is because the Republicans did even better.

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MORAL VALUES - The stealth issue of 2004 has been "moral values," identified generally as perhaps the most important issue in determining why people voted the way they did. "Moral values" was not a factor in most pre-election polling.

By wide margins, President George Bush carried the "moral issue" electorate, the so-called "church vote."

Republicans did a magnificent political job in identifying these voters and helped to mobilize this vote, overcoming Democrats' efforts to identify and mobilize their own voters, and that's why George Bush will serve a second term.

Democrats properly complain that they are moral, too, and Republicans have no monopoly on this category. Michigan's Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow, for example, recently claimed "morality is much broader than has been defined" by Republicans, and really means "caring about each other and having a sense of community and being responsible for yourself but also being responsible for reaching out and caring about others as well, which is certainly part of the Bible that I know and read."

That's part of the Bible that Bush-backers read, too. The question is perception of morality in other ways - specific questions such as abortion and gay marriage in particular and a general loosening of personal and public ethics, morals and conduct in general - which are considered more nitty-gritty challenges to morality.

The principles of morality - treating people equally, opportunity for all, fair-

ness, justice, freedom, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, care for the sick, respect the elderly, and other social issues - generally are commonly embraced.

Democrats and Republicans both believe they are moral. Differences come in how these moral principles are applied and how they are accomplished.

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PEACE AND HARMONY - Both losing Sen. John Kerry and winning President George Bush called for coming together to heal the country after a long and bitter campaign.

Noble thoughts indeed, but like morality, difficult in practice.

It's usually easy for a losing candidate to call for burying the hatchet, as Mr. Kerry properly did, just as it's easy and expected for a winner to speak of cooperation and progress, as Mr. Bush did. Doing it is something else.

Mr. Bush declares a mandate, which

means he believes the country endorses what he's done so far as president, and wants more of the same.

However, while 51 percent of those who voted may have endorsed Mr. Bush, 48 percent voted against him, and he winds up as president of the 48 percent as well as the 51 percent - plus the millions who didn't even bother to vote at all.

One of Mr. Bush's advantages as he tackles his job anew is that he does not face reelection, so the political consequences of his actions are diminished.

Along with great challenges, President George Bush faces great opportunities.

A president's legacy usually is written in his/her second term. The legacy of the Bush presidency is yet to be determined.

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Poll challenger proud of our town during election

To the editor:

There we were, election day at last; months of work about to pay off, or so we prayed. A group of confused idealists met in the township office. We were poll challengers, (and believe me, that title was terrifying to all involved). Forced on the organizers of the election by law, we expected a cold reception. We weren't to speak to voters, or face eviction from the polling place. We could look at the book, but not touch it or the poll workers. If there were any problems we had a hotline to the "war room" (and its horde of lawyers). Tensions were high.

Reality was such a pleasant relief. The election workers

were friendly and kind. I was given a chair, and was included in the conversation. Sure it was probably nerve racking having us reading over their shoulders, but the folks at the tables were gracious and tolerant. There were a couple problems with voters at the polls, and they were handled efficiently and fairly. What a relief. How proud I am of our town, and how well we managed this (and I suspect every) election. All the election workers, and all the organizers made it come off without a hitch, and were friendly while doing so.

Cris McLaughlin
(poll challenger)
Grayling

Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and

telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

VIEWPOINT

By Marie Scott, VFW Publicity Chairperson

Veterans Day

Veterans Day was so named because peace, unfortunately, doesn't last forever. History never stops proving that point.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the guns of World War I were finally silenced, and November 11 was established as Armistice Day. It was America's time to celebrate the renewal of world peace, the end of what was to be the war to end all wars. With the World War was born the hope for permanent peace. It was faint and uncertain hope, and that is all it is today. History and facts show it to be nothing more.

Indeed, the next generations of veterans marched in and out of various hells around the planet--Bastogne, Iwo Jima, Tarawa, Anzio, Pork Chop Hill, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq--and it was obvious by the middle of the century that the World War I armistice was just one in a series.

In 1954, the holiday was rightfully revised and renamed to

stand as an annual moment of tribute to all war veterans, alive or dead - past, present, and future - and for all the armistices they forged. The American veteran became the symbol of world peace. No segment of our people could be more determined advocates of peace than our veterans, who have actually felt the sufferings of war. The chief difference, perhaps, between veterans and non-veterans lies in the degree of realism with which they approach the whole subject of war and the prevention of war. Veterans also know that power and the ability to execute it is the surest route to a peaceful end.

For the United States in the past quarter-century, war has drifted in and out of a restless, distant slumber. It has bolted awake in places like Lebanon, Bosnia, Somalia, Panama or Kuwait-locations hard enough for most Americans to find on a map, let alone understand the often complicated reasons why

our troops were asked to fight there. On our own continent, war has slept for nearly 140 years until everything changed September 11, 2001. And as we all know, it did not just reawaken in America, it erupted, in broad daylight before our disbelieving eyes. Fiery explosions. The dust and rubble of crumbled buildings. Americans in suits and ties or dresses and heels-some in military fatigues-running for their lives, jumping out of windows, as a billowing, smoky cloud of horror closed in on them. Then came the unmistakable scent of death.

Impressions like these are not easily absorbed by ordinary Americans, most of whom possess, at best, a Hollywood understanding of war. War veterans are different that way. Experienced in chaos, they often know from fighting in distant lands where terror has ruled that America has been lucky for a good, long time. Veterans also know the price of peace, the lives

it invariably costs and the difficulty of recapturing its blessings should it escape. And it always does.

As military families continue to pray for their loved ones serving their country in foreign lands and on the home front, this November 11, American war veterans, Reserves, Guardsmen and active-duty personnel alike find themselves standing together, sharing a "highly developed will" of patriotism, faith, courage and resolve--values veterans have always drawn upon in times of crisis, when the price of peace might just be paid in human lives. They are the values America will honor, perhaps more acutely than ever, on this particularly significant Veterans Day.

Please join the veterans of Crawford County and their families at the American Legion Hall, at 11 a.m., on November 11 to pay tribute to all Americans who are fighting to make our Country a safe place to live.

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

In real estate, the mantra is "location, location, location." For Michigan's economy today, it's "jobs, jobs, jobs."

Here in America's heartland, Michigan is a microcosm of the entire country. Our state has an urban core as well as many rural and suburban areas. We have a strong manufacturing base combined with a large agricultural population. And we have been one of the leaders in the country in lost jobs.

Over the past four years, Michigan has lost a total of 194,000 jobs, including 167,000 manufacturing jobs. More than 335,000 people are unemployed in Michigan. Our unemployment rate stands at 6.8 percent, the third worst state in the nation, compared with an average of 4.6 percent during the eight years of the Clinton administration.

Nationwide, the figures are not much better. In September, the nation lost another 18,000 manufacturing jobs, bringing the total to 2.7 million manufacturing jobs lost since 2001. The national unemployment rate stands at 5.4 percent with eight million Americans out of work and looking for a job. Over 1.6 million

private sector jobs have been lost since 2001. This administration is the first in 75 years to see an actual numerical loss in private sector jobs.

In September 2003, the Michigan Democratic congressional delegation called on the President to take 14 specific actions to address the manufacturing jobs crisis. In our letter to the President, we spelled out detailed steps he could take that would help alleviate the crisis.

We suggested specific actions that included establishing a level playing field with our trading partners in which other nations do not manipulate their currencies to gain unfair advantages or close their markets to U.S. products; closing tax loopholes that provide incentives to businesses for moving jobs overseas; and supporting efforts to ensure that China complies with commitments it has made to the World Trade Organization. Yet, in these instances and others, the administration has failed to take strong action and the manufacturing job crisis has continued.

In September 2004, we again wrote to the President to outline our concerns with the lack of action by his administration. In

the letter we outlined the bleak jobs picture and other key economic indicators that are cause for grave concern. The trade deficit has set new record highs in the last two years - almost a half trillion dollars in 2003 - and is on pace to grow by almost \$100 billion more this year, to nearly \$600 billion.

Wages are stagnant; median household income is down \$1,535 a year; family health care premiums are up 41 percent since 2001; and the jobs that are being created pay an average of \$9,000 less than the jobs lost. At the same time, the number of people in poverty has increased by 4.3 million and the number of people without health insurance has increased by 5.2 million.

In the face of these problems, the administration opposed the extension of the federal unemployment benefit program. Instead of maintaining this important benefit, they allowed it to expire. We also need to raise the minimum wage, which hasn't been raised since 1997, and protect overtime pay for the millions of people who recently lost it because of administration policies. Our country has suffered

fiscally irresponsible and unfair tax policies that are driving us into an increasingly deep deficit ditch. The top five percent of households whose average income is over \$250,000 a year received almost half of the tax cuts.

In 2001, we had a federal budget surplus of \$127 billion. But now the deficit for 2004 is a record \$413 billion. In January 2001, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projected a ten-year total surplus of \$5.6 trillion. The CBO now projects a \$2.3 trillion deficit over the same ten years, a near \$8 trillion reversal.

The bigger our deficit, the more likely we are to face higher long-term interest rates, which means it will be more expensive to buy a house, pay for college or pay off credit card debt. That's not what American workers need.

American workers need good paying jobs, affordable health care and a place to call home. They can't achieve these until we reverse job losses and high unemployment, and make health care more affordable and available. They deserve to live.

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BRIEFS

Michelson holds Home Shopper's Showcase

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling will be holding the 3rd annual Home Shopper's Showcase on November 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop from many of your favorite stores including: Artistry, At Home America, Avon, Creative Memories, Discovery Toys, Home Interiors and Gifts, Lia Sophia Jewelry, Longaberger, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Party Lite, Petra Fashions, Princess House, Stanley Products, Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, Two Sisters Gourmet, Watkins, and Z-Coil Footwear. A soup and sandwich luncheon and bake sale will be offered. Prizes will be given away every hour. Admission is free.

St. John's holds annual bazaar

St. John's annual bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a raffle, white elephant, bake sale, crafts and soup and dessert luncheon. Questions may be directed to St. John's at 348-5224.

COA hosts presentation on vision

A representative from the Commission for the Blind will provide information on resources available for individuals that are blind or have low vision at the Commission on Aging, 308 Lawndale, on Thursday, November 11, at 5:15 p.m. For more information or if you need transportation, contact Elouise Mize at 989-348-7123.

Lovells to hold annual chili supper

The Lovells Township Fire Department and EMS will hold the Fifth Annual Chili Supper on Monday, November 15, 6 p.m., at the Lovells Township Hall on Twin Bridge Road, north of 612. Homemade chili, bread and desserts will be served for a \$4 donation. Proceeds will go to the Lovells Township Fire Department and EMS.

GRA sets date for monthly board meetings

At the October 2004 board meeting for the Grayling Recreation Authority, it was set that regular board meetings will be held at Hanson Hills Recreation Area on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m.

Clothing give-away date changed

The V.F.W. Auxiliary and the American Legion Post #3736 have changed the date for the clothes give-away to November 13, at the American Legion from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring bags with you. For more information call Bonnie Poll at 989-348-2139.

Grayling Kiwanis taking apple pie orders

The Grayling Kiwanis Club is taking orders for apple pies. Call Juddy Hood at 348-7760 to order your homemade frozen pies, ready for your oven at \$10. Last day to order is November 18. Pick-up pies on November 23, at Michelson Church from 4p.m. to 6 p.m.

GHS Viking Band Boosters to meet

Grayling High School Viking Band Boosters will be holding their regular meeting on November 11, at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School band room. All band parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. There will be the 3rd reading of the By-Law changes, discussion and voting on these changes. If you have any questions please contact Shirley Currison at 348-1348 or Matt Bishop at 344-3574 and leave a message.

Old fashion kids' photo fundraiser

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County, in partnership with Laura's Scrapbook Nook and Mailin Images, will hold Antique Children's Photo sessions to raise operating funds. Sessions will be held November 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., November 27 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and November 28 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Appointments are necessary and sitting fee of \$9.95 must be prepaid. All clothing and props to create an 8" x 10" old-fashioned sepia toned photo of your children will be provided. Photo packages will be offered, but sitting fee covers cost of 8" x 10" and will be ready in time for Christmas. For more information or to make an appointment, call Cheryl at 348-1429 or Laura at 348-6479 after 6 p.m. Please leave a message including phone number, if necessary.

Camp Grayling range impact areas closed to firearm deer hunting season

Due to the War on Terrorism, annual training cycles have spread over a longer time period at Camp Grayling this year. The usual June through August time periods have changed to meet the needs of soldiers, marines, sailors and airmen to complete preparation for deployments as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and other missions. This has included two to three week training sessions this year to be as early as May and as late as into early November.

It is well to note that while many areas of Camp Grayling are open to the public during non-military training periods, priority of the use of Camp Grayling lands goes to the military mission of insuring soldiers are trained for maximum success and a safe return from the War on Terrorism.

Camp Grayling will restrict

weapons firing during the period November 15-30, 2004 for the Firearm Deer Hunting Season. Camp Grayling range impact areas are closed to the public. Be sure to check with the local DNR office for specifics on areas open for hunting.

Michigan has approximately 2,000 soldiers deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Homeland Security and other international missions with indications that more will be called on in support of the war against terrorism. An additional 300 Guard members will depart this month and next in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (rotation #3); however, as the Michigan Guard serves the nation, more than 8,000 members remain, in reserve, ready to respond to state emergencies including homeland defense events.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" raffle winners for the weeks of October 17 - Theresa Andrews; October 24 - Teresa Bonamie; and October 31 - Dianne Clough.

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The \$50/50 raffle winners for November 7 - of \$25 each: Denis Campbell, Sue Barber, Ron Moggo, Mark Millikin and Helen Stairs.

Concert to benefit church move

On Thursday evening, November 11 the Michelson Singers of Grayling will present a concert at the Rialto Theatre. The concert, which will feature a wide variety of music, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Price of admission is \$5 and all profits from the concert will go to help move the Stittsville Church to Wellington Farm Park. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

The Michelson Singers are a 10-voice vocal ensemble that has been singing together for about 12 years. Originally the group was organized as a gospel group but over the years their repertoire has expanded to include almost all types and styles of music. For the November 11 concert, the group will perform gospel music, early American church music, spirituals, popular and novelty numbers. Highlight of the evening will be the performance of two selections from the Civil War: An American Musical.

During the summer of 2003, Wellington Farm Park, a 60-acre living history complex near Grayling was offered the Stittsville Church, a structure dating back to about 1880 and

quite possibly the last remaining building from the town of Stittsville in Missaukee County. Since that time, efforts have been made to raise enough money to move the structure and restore it to its original appearance. Funds have been slow in their accumulation and not enough had been raised so the church could be moved during October 2004. The move has now been pushed ahead to spring of 2005 providing the funds are available. Once on site and restored, the church will be used for special services such as weddings, vow renewals, concerts and historical presentations.

The Michelson Singers are a well established and experienced musical organization. In the past they have performed concerts throughout Northern Michigan. In May of 2002, they performed in Moorehead City, North Carolina and the 2003 season saw them singing at the Stowe Community Church in Stowe, Vermont. The group hopes to perform as a part of the Vienna Advent Festival in November of 2005, performing at several venues in Austria and Central Europe.

Santa Parade to kick off annual Christmas Walk

Uptown Grayling is ready and filled with the holiday spirit for the 2004 Christmas Walk on Saturday, November 20 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Christmas Walk will begin with a Santa Parade at 5 p.m. in front of the court house and proceed down Michigan Avenue taking Santa to the library where he will visit with all the children until 8 p.m. Santa's reindeer, Prancer, will be at the gazebo, next to Radio Shack, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Firemen's Festival Trolley will meander around the uptown area and out to the library and back. Trolley stops will be marked where you can board or leave the trolley. The library parking lot will provide extra parking to board the trolley.

The uptown shops will be aglow with the theme "Back Home to the Heart of Christmas" and luminaries will light the way from the Crawford County

Museum to Mercy Hospital. Many businesses will be hosting entertainment from dancers to dulcimer players and Grayling Promotional Association singers will be caroling throughout the uptown area.

A Live Nativity will take place at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Michelson will also hold a cookie walk and buffet supper from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Donations for Toys for Tots or the Christian Help Center can be left at the church.

The Crawford County Museum will be open and decorated for the season and sharing Grayling history.

Non-profit groups need to pre-arrange locations with Fannie Finns by calling 989-344-7444. For further information contact the Grayling Area Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921.

LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library

The Devereaux Memorial Library is sponsoring a ladies reading and discussion group based on the writings of Debby Bull. Participants will be given a copy of the book, *Blue Jelly* to be read during the holidays.

Blue Jelly is a spontaneous, humorous reflection of getting over lost loves through the art of canning. Debby Bull is known for articles featured in Rolling Stones Magazine and is known for her quirky humor.

"I chose this book to encourage women in our area to read something a bit different. It is amusing, original and easy to relate to," said Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson.

Anyone who is interested in getting together on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 7 p.m., after the library is closed to discuss the book and sample the wonderful recipes is encouraged to sign up at the Devereaux Memorial Library. There is a limit of fifteen books.

Card of Thanks

We'd like to thank all our friends and family for their support and prayers during this past year. The thoughtfulness of this community makes our family very proud to be a part of it. We're looking forward to a "healthy" - accident free 2005! The Larry Baynham, Jr. family

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HOW TO GET YOUR HANDS ON THE HOTTEST CAREERS IN MICHIGAN.

Recently the State Employment Security Agency took the temperature of the job market in Michigan, predicting what the state's 10 hottest professional occupations will be through 2008. It turns out you can't touch any of these without a college education. A degree from Davenport University, on the other hand, qualifies you very well for most of the hottest careers of tomorrow - including all three at the top of the list.

TOP 10 MICHIGAN OCCUPATIONS (NUMBER OF ANNUAL OPENINGS) 1998-2008

Indicates Davenport University trains students for these occupations

| RANK | TITLE | 1998 | 2008 | Percentage Annual Openings | Percentage Annual Salary |
|------|--|--------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | General Managers and Top Executives | 96,250 | 107,500 | 2,810 | \$84,310 |
| 2 | Systems Analyst | 23,200 | 44,650 | 2,290 | \$54,860 |
| 3 | Registered Nurses | 74,300 | 81,100 | 1,910 | \$47,090 |
| 4 | Teachers, Secondary School | 41,650 | 45,450 | 1,710 | |
| 5 | College and University Faculty | 35,150 | 42,300 | 1,700 | |
| 6 | Marketing and Sales Worker Supervisors | 68,700 | 42,300 | 1,640 | \$67,090 |
| 7 | Office and Administrative Support Supervisors and Managers | 40,200 | 76,150 | 1,420 | \$41,230 |
| 8 | Teachers, Elementary School | 50,900 | 53,200 | 1,410 | |
| 9 | Personal Care and Home Health Aides | 27,100 | 35,100 | 1,390 | |
| 10 | Computer Support Specialists | 11,550 | 21,950 | 1,120 | \$34,760 |

Source: Data from the State Occupational Projections website

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The Bible Speaks

Selling Your Soul

You remember the song, "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" in which Satan was promising untold riches for anyone who had a soul to sell. The last two presidential elections have reminded us in a shocking way that about half of the people in America are ready to sell their souls for the elusive liberal promises of utopian peace, prosperity, and pleasure.

Why after a generation have politicians been re-fighting the Vietnam War? The same liberal charges used against Vietnam are being repeated about Iraq. Liberals have accused both Vietnam and Iraq of being unjust wars. Like Vietnam, they remind us that we cannot win a war in Iraq because the people don't really want to be free. The liberal media join hands to promote the worst public image possible of the war. Like Vietnam they have attempted to demoralize and discredit our military and denigrate our national leadership regarding Iraq.

But behind all this division is a liberal ideology which has remained consistent over the generations. The Humanist Manifestoes of 1933, 1973, and 2000 all reveal a common, con-

sistent goal of Global government practicing some form of Marxism for redistribution of the world's wealth.

Liberals are furious with hatred against those who still believe in God, the Bible, the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. They consider us the great evil which hinders their utopian goal of globalism. They hate America which they view as the last archaic vestige of an evil imperial power which must be discredited and destroyed before world unity, peace, and prosperity can be established. This is why they have viewed the Communist guerillas and the Islamic suicide bombers as freedom fighters or patriots.

The 216th General Assembly of the Presbyterian USA Assembly declared, "military action against Iraq" as "unwise, immoral and illegal" which according to one of their commissioners brands U.S. soldiers as war criminals. This is just one illustration of the whole National and World Council of Churches practice of defending and supporting the enemy of America, while declaring America to be the real enemy.

The same 216th Presbyterian Assembly recommended a

divestment strategy against American companies working in Israel while supporting economic development within Palestine. They condemned Israel's construction of a "security wall," and disavowed the theological position of "Christian Zionism." By their actions it seems apparent they are trying to destroy Israel and support the Islamic terrorists. By denouncing "Christian Zionism" they are denying the literal promises of God in the Bible to the Jews, and denouncing the faith and practice of any Christian who literally believes and obeys such Bible truth.

No wonder church attendance has dropped drastically during the past decade. No wonder some people no longer believe any church to be real or relevant. But don't despair, there are still some of us who literally believe and defend every word in God's Bible, and are proud to be American patriots who still believe and defend every word in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Pastor "B"

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Local cyclists win medals

A pair of local Special Olympians came home from the 2004 Michigan Special Olympics Cycling championships with a chest full of medals. Brock Prater of Grayling captured gold medals in the 1 kilometer and 5 kilometer time trials while his teammate, Bob Waterman of Roscommon finished right behind him in each race for the silver medals.

This is the first year that Michigan Special Olympics has had a cycling competition. Seventy athletes from across Michigan took part in the event which was held on the campus of the GM Tech Center in Warren on October 9.

Prater who is a lifelong Grayling resident is currently attending the ROOC Workshop in Roscommon and works part time at the Grayling 7-11 Store. His interest in bike racing grew from his use of his bicycle as his main mode of transportation.

Bob Waterman's interest in cycling grew out of a job training placement at The Bike Shop in Grayling when he was a student at the COOR Adult Transitional Program in Roscommon. He has graduated from that program, but



2004 Michigan Special Olympic Cycling champions, (L to R) Bob Waterman, of Roscommon, winning two silver medals, and Brock Prater, of Grayling, winning two gold medals in a recent cycling competition.

continues to work part time at the bike shop.

Area 4 Special Olympics hopes to expand its cycling program

next summer. That effort recently received a boost when the area was awarded a grant to purchase two new bicycles.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, November 12 - Lunch - cheddar chicken and broccoli. Green Bean Almondine, tossed salad with veggies, peaches. No dinner. 12:30 p.m. Frederic and Maple Forest satellite meal. 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Monday, November 15 - Lunch - sloppy joe, potato salad, Ratatouille, mandarin oranges.

Dinner - pork roast, oven creamed potatoes w/peas, apple sauce, blueberry cobbler. 9:30 a.m. COA Board Meeting. 12 p.m. Stag Club, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, November 16 - Lunch - chicken and dumplings, stewed tomatoes, corn, nectarines. Thanksgiving Dinner, 5 p.m. - turkey, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, corn, rolls, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie. 1 p.m. Euchre Club.

Wednesday, November 17 - Lunch - corned beef, cabbage, baked potatoes, ice cream sundae. Dinner - baked chicken and rice, broccoli parmesan, cottage

cheese and apricot salad, pineapple. 10:00 a.m. line dancing, 12:00 p.m. Stag Club, 5:30 p.m. movie, "What a Girl Wants."

Thursday, November 18 - Lunch - Salmon patties, green bean casserole, cauliflower au gratin, pudding. Dinner - egg casserole, marshmallow sweet potatoes, pineapple, cinnamon rolls. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure checks, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling.

Walk-ins are welcome.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 85 complaints the week of November 1 - November 7:

Eleven traffic accidents, seven accidents-non traffic, one traffic safety-public appearance, one

accident-fire, one plan review, three motor vehicle vin number school bus, one inspection, seven civil matter/family disputes, one missing persons, one lost and found property, seven suspicious situations, seven general non-criminal, one delinquent

minors, two run aways, three false alarms, two assault/intimidation/stalking, five burglary/home invasion, four larcenies, one forgery counterfeiting, one fraudulent activities, one nonsufficient funds checks, one damage to property, seven public peace/disorderly, two health and safety, three miscellaneous criminal offense and five driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

BIRTHS

Rebecca and Gregory Groole, of Lawton, announce the birth of their son, Ryan G., born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on October 22, 2004, at 1:17 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., and measuring 19 3/4 inches long.

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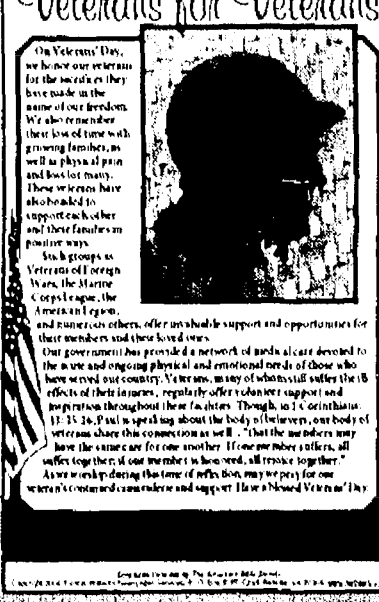
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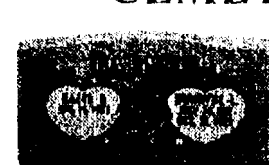
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Warbler still pushed to replace robin as state bird

by Amy Davis
Capital News Service

One year after legislation was introduced to change the state's bird; some lawmakers and students are still active in their efforts to replace the robin with the rare Kirtland's warbler.

The robin has held its position as the state's avian mascot for more than 70 years, earning it a spot on many state maps. The warbler is a relative unknown to many in Michigan, but has a following that seems to grow stronger every day.

Affectionately known by its advocates as "Kirt," the Kirtland's warbler nests solely in the jack pine forests of northern Michigan when in North America and spends its winters in the Bahamas.

Sen. Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township, introduced a Senate bill promoting the warbler. Len Stutman, co-chair of the Michigan Audubon Society's Kirtland's Warbler Initiative, has been campaigning for about a year to get legislators to hear the bird's case.

In 1931, the Audubon Society promoted the robin to be the state bird and the Legislature made it so by resolution. But, due to the fact that resolutions expire after only two years, Stutman said

legislators forgot to renew the resolution and therefore, the state has officially been without a bird for 71 years.

"You see the robin on the map and on various pictures, but it's there by default," Stutman said.

"Kirt" is an endangered species and is described by the Michigan Audubon Society as "one of the rarest birds in North America."

"Without a Michigan, there wouldn't be a Kirtland's warbler," Stutman said, adding that the robin is also the official bird of both Wisconsin and Connecticut. "It's the only bird in the Continental United States that is indigenous to only one state."

The bird, sometimes called the Jack Pine warbler, is so rare, in part because of its picky nesting habits, Stutman said. It nests only under maturing jack pines, preferring them to fully-grown forms of the tree. Before humans arrived in Michigan, the bird relied on natural forest fires to keep the jack pines from getting too mature, and therefore thrived, but when fire-control policies began to crop up, however, the bird suffered a major hit to its habitat.

The species was on the verge of extinction in the 1960s and '70s. In 1986, there were fewer

than 400 pairs, but as recovery efforts have focused on controlled burning of the forests to accommodate the bird and planting large clumps of jack pines to provide a suitable habitat of young forests for the birds, about 1,600 warblers now return to the state each spring.

"It's a real study in rebuilding the species," Birkholz said of the conservation efforts, adding that adopting the warbler as a state bird could further boost its numbers, and potentially aid in efforts to take it off of the endangered species list.

For the region's economy, this can be a win-win situation. Mature jack pines are harvested for commercial sale - an industry that generates income for habitat. Managed forests also provide habitats for other non-game birds and animals and game animals for hunting during the non-breeding season, which brings additional revenue into the economy.

Because of its rarity, Stutman said, the Kirtland's warbler is a big draw for bird enthusiasts and could spur some significant tourism areas around its habitat.

"The fastest growing spectator sport is bird watching," Stutman said. "That bird generates millions of dollars for the state."

For the last 12 years, the annu-

al Kirtland's Warbler Festival at Kirtland Community College in Roscommon has drawn an average of 2,500 bird enthusiasts from around the globe and fills a springtime tourism gap in the Northern Michigan economy.

"Birders, who come during the May/June breeding season to see the Kirtland's Warbler, create business in an otherwise slow period for the hotels and surrounding businesses," Festival chair Jim Enger said.

"We now get people from all over the country," Enger said. "We're filling up motel rooms and hotel rooms."

Birkholz said there have been a few legislators who are loyal to the robin, but promoting the warbler and raising awareness of the bird is important. Further action on the bill has been postponed until early next year, after legislators have been more informed on the subject, Birkholz said.

"Most people want to know more about it," Birkholz said. "It all takes education to help all legislators understand the importance of the warbler."

Other attempts have been made to change the state bird, but they failed.

In 2000, Rep. Ken Bradstreet, R-Gaylord, introduced legisla-

tion to replace the robin with the black-capped chickadee, a chatty, acrobatic bird that lives in Michigan year around, but it didn't pass.

But groups of students from schools from Lansing, to as far away as Traverse City, who call themselves "Kids for Kirt" believe that they will successfully be able to change enough people's minds about adopting a new state bird. The students created a Web site to spread information about the birds' merits and have lobbied for the change by writing to their representatives.

Teacher Vicki Weiss at City School in Grand Blanc said her students first started the "Kids for Kirt" campaign a year ago and are still actively involved in it.

"It's such a unique way for kids to learn about state government and it's something they'll never forget," Weiss said.

Weiss said her students have learned that government can sometimes be a slow process and that it will take time to change people's minds about the state bird.

"They know that this is something that might not even pass until they are in high school," Weiss said. "But they are all willing to keep going."

State's jobless rate up slightly in September

by Benita Mehta
Capital News Service

LANSING - In September, Michigan's unemployment rate increased by one-tenth of a point to 6.8 percent, according to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

Michigan's unemployment rate has remained within 2 percentage points in the past three months, keeping it the third-highest in the country. Michigan is 1.4 percentage points above the national rate, which is 5.4 percent.

Michigan AFL-CIO President Mark Gaffney said he is disappointed with the numbers, adding that there is "grave risk to the economy moving forward if we continue to lose manufacturing jobs."

Last month's unemployment rate is better than in September 2003, when it was 7.6 percent, but the state has lost 6,000 manufacturing jobs from August to September. During the past 12 months, the state has lost 16,000 manufacturing jobs.

"In manufacturing states, the jobs have just not come back," Gaffney said.

Department of Labor and Economic Growth economic analyst Jim Rhein said the job market has been sluggish.

"It affects Michigan a little more than other states because Michigan is tied to manufacturing jobs," he said. "Some of the other states with high unemployment rates also have a high dependence on manufacturing."

Although there are 13,000

fewer government jobs in the state than one year ago, the number of government jobs rose 8,000 from August to September.

Patrick Anderson of Anderson Economic Group in East Lansing said that the number of people working in Michigan has risen by 43,000 in the past 12 months even though the number of payroll jobs has dropped.

"The past year has shown consistent, but slow, job growth in the nation and our state," Anderson said.

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Marshall Collen Roe

July 16, 1914 - Nov. 3, 2004
Marshall Collen Roe, 90, of Sun City Center, Florida, passed away on November 3, 2004.

Marshall was born on July 16, 1914 in Detroit, to Walter and Mabel (Collen) Roe. He retired from the Detroit Edison Company in 1974 and came to Florida from Arizona in 1997. Mr. Roe's ancestry can be traced back four generations in the Grayling area.

Mr. Roe's career with the Detroit Edison Company spans a period of 40 years. At the time of his retirement, he was the Senior Systems Supervisor of the Electrical Distribution Department. Throughout his life he loved to fish and hunt in northern Michigan. As a young man, many happy summers were spent at his grandparents' home at Lake Margrethe in Grayling. During his later years, along with his wife Ann, he acquired a cabin at Clear Lake, Johannesburg as well as a historic cottage on the east shore of Lake Margrethe.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ann Louise (Sauer) Roe; three children: Marshall, Jr., Roger and Deborah; a sister, Thelma Zombo; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Jane Cowan and Virginia Clyma.

A memorial service will be held at the family home on Lake Margrethe, at 11 a.m., November 20, 2004. Interment will take place following the service at Elmwood Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to LifePath Hospice, 3725 Upper Creek Dr., Muskegon, MI 49573.

William J. McDonough

Oct. 31, 1936 - Nov. 1, 2004
William J. McDonough, 68, of Lakefield Twp., passed away at his residence on November 1, 2004.

William was born on October 31, 1936 in St. Clair Shores to James and Eva (Leykauf) McDonough. He graduated from South Lake High School in St. Clair Shores in 1954. "Bill" was a veteran serving in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged on April 30, 1965. On August 6, 1966, he married the former Ruth Buchanan in St. Clair Shores. Bill was employed by the State of Michigan in the Highway Department as a construction inspector for 32 years and retired in 1993. He first moved to Roscommon in 1979 and then to his home on Big Manistique Lake in 1999. He loved the outdoors in northern Michigan and enjoyed being with his grandchildren. He was also a holder of a Michigan Builders License.

Survivors include his wife Ruth, of Lakefield Twp., son Kevin (Jennifer) of Skandia; daughter, Kim (Ron) McDonough of Urbana, Illinois; two sisters, Patricia McDonough of Roscommon and Ann (Frank) Knill of Wales; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on November 6, 2004 at Beaulieu Funeral Home, Newberry, with Rev. Sandra Clark of the Newberry United Methodist Church and Fr. Tim Hruska of Our Lady of Lourds Catholic Church in Engadine officiating. Arrangements by Beaulieu Funeral Home, Newberry.

Herman E. Esch

Aug. 17, 1920 - Nov. 4, 2004
Herman E. Esch, 84, of Grayling, passed away on November 4, 2004 at his home.

Herman was born on August 17, 1920, in Livonia to Harmon Carl and Augustae Mary (Wolff) Esch. He married Elaine Phyllis Sommers. Mr. Esch worked as an electrician, then worked for Ford Motor Company as a machinist, then went back to work as an electrician at Burroughs (now known as Unisys) for 34 years. He moved to Grayling from Plymouth 22 years ago. His hobbies included woodworking, wood carving and photography. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Mio.

Funeral services were held on November 6, 2004 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Mio. A second service was held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, on November 8, 2004 with Pastor Michael Sheppard officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church in Mio and Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice in Grayling.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Margaret Pearl Wright

Jul. 30, 1913 - Nov. 5, 2004
Margaret Pearl Wright, 91, of Grayling, passed away on November 5, 2004 at Grayling Mercy Manor.

Margaret was born on July 30, 1913 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada to John Edwin and Pearl (Riddell) Higgin. She married Harold Ransom Wright on May 29, 1935 in Detroit. She was a homemaker and a member of the Grayling Church of Christ.

She is survived by two sons, Kenneth (Mary) Wright of Grayling; Donald Edwin (Lois) Wright of Attica; five grandchildren: Jeffrey Allen (Sue Ann) Wright, Karen Lynn (Wade) Jackson, Anita Lynn (Joe) Eddings of Attica, Shelly Ann (Mark) Kroon of California, Christopher Todd (Deirdre Rose) Wright of Topinabee; and eleven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on November 13, 1988.

Funeral services were held on November 8, 2004 at Sorenson Funeral Home with Donald E. Wright officiating. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.

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Gail N. Corsette

Gail N. Corsette, 74, of Grayling, formerly of Detroit, passed away on November 6, 2004.

She is survived by one son, Richard (Terry) Corsette of Ringgold, Georgia; two daughters, Lynda (Ben) Handa of Grand Blanc, Elizabeth (Chad) Noffsinger of Grayling; and six grandchildren: Katherine and Victoria Corsette, Richard Rieden, Ryane Stark, Alex Gabriel and Logan Noffsinger.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Corsette and sister Jane Young.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Barbara Joyce Gaylor

Sept. 29, 1932 - Nov. 3, 2004
Barbara Joyce Gaylor, 72, a lifetime resident of Roscommon, passed away on November 3, 2004.

Barbara was born in Roscommon on September 29, 1932 to Fritz and Laura (Knibbs) Bertl. She married Corky Gaylor on June 27, 1953 in Roscommon.

Mrs. Gaylor taught Home Economics at the Frederic and Roscommon High Schools for many years. She also worked with her husband at Gaylor Insurance Company of Roscommon. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Roscommon, the Michigan Education Association, Order of the Eastern Star Fidelity Chapter #50 and a former member of Zonta.

She is survived by her husband; son, Greg (Diana) Gaylor of Higgins Lake; daughter, Laurie (Dave) Lundie of Higgins Lake; five grandchildren: Gregg III, Jennifer, Ashley, Michael and Geoff; mother, Laura Bertl of Roscommon; two sisters, Camilla (Jerry) DeWitt of Grayling and Lenora (Bob) Huber of Higgins Lake; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Greg II and father, Fritz Bertl.

Funeral services were held on November 5, 2004 at the First Congregational Church in Roscommon with Reverend James Beinke officiating. Burial was at the Gerrish Township Cemetery in Roscommon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Dyslexia Institute, 532 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing, MI 48912.

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Range firing is scheduled for the period November 11 - November 17, 2004.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: November 12.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Military maneuvers and live fire exercise. November 12 - 14.

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Thelma Shepard

Mar. 17, 1918 - Nov. 3, 2004
Thelma Rosebrugh Shepard, 86, passed away at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City on November 3, 2004.

Mrs. Shepard had lived in Grayling since 1966, formerly of West Branch and Bridgeport. She was a member of the Churchill United Methodist Church of West Branch and the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church of Grayling.

She is survived by her son, Rex (Barbara) Shepard of Grayling; two step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; her sister Carol Vance of Wildwood, Florida; her sister-in-law, Mildred Rosebrugh of West Branch; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Allan and Alberta Rosebrugh and her brother Charles Rosebrugh.

Funeral services were held on November 6, 2004 at the Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home in West Branch.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Churchill United Methodist Women, 501 E. State Road, West Branch, MI 48661.

Arrangements by Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Homes, Inc., West Branch.

Leon "Bud" McIntosh

Feb. 16, 1921 - Nov. 4, 2004
Leon "Bud" McIntosh, 83, of Grayling, passed away on November 4, 2004 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Leon was born on February 16, 1921 in Ferndale to William and Margaret McIntosh. He married Mary Ann Kurth on April 5, 1968.

Mr. McIntosh served in the United States Marine "Raiders" in WWII. He was a truck driver and lived in Grayling since 1980.

No service is planned at this time.

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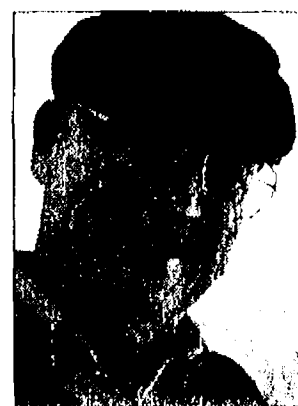
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By Ernie Harwell



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We've certainly come a long way in our understanding of smoking and the danger it poses to our health. Of course, we now know that smoking is linked to cancer, heart disease and a host of other serious health problems.

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If you're one of those people who hasn't been able to kick the smoking habit, I want to encourage you to keep trying. The stakes are high and it's never too late.

And remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone.

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

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The first hero to share a book was Capt. Jeff Kinninger, an Operations Officer in the Michigan National Guard. He came with his son, Jax, and shared *Green Eggs and Ham*, one of the family's favorite books from home. He had an eager group of listeners, who also loved the story.

Kinninger then helped the children as they sampled and graphed different kinds of candy.

A firefighter and a policeman will be special reading guests during the next two weeks.

Reading hours for pre-school children are on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30a.m. Registration is required. Parents may pick up registration forms at the circulation desk of the



Story hour at Crawford County Library

library. All children are welcome to participate in the fun and learning experiences.

During December and January, the story hour will be

suspended, to give time for all the special holiday project sessions. Children may choose one or two of the craft projects and a variety of gifts and ornaments.

Signup sheets are in the library now. The classes fill quickly, so families are encouraged to enroll in the sessions of their choice as soon as possible.

Ash firewood from quarantined areas banned

To prevent the spread of the emerald ash borer (EAB) to Michigan's National Forests, the USDA Forest Service has banned ash trees and tree parts, and all firewood that comes from the regulated and quarantined areas in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, from being transported or used on the National Forests within Michigan.

The Forest Service is concerned that hunters, other recreational users, firewood providers, and/or second-home owners could unintentionally bring the EAB to the National Forests.

Left unchecked, the EAB

could kill millions of ash trees across the Eastern United States, just as Dutch Elm Disease and chestnut blight virtually wiped out entire tree species in North America.

The Forest Supervisors of the Hiawatha, Huron-Manistee and Ottawa National Forests signed interim emergency closure orders to prevent wood (including logs, firewood, limbs or branches) from ash trees that came from the quarantined areas from being stored, used or transported across National Forest System lands in Michigan. Visitors to the Forests may gather dead and downed trees on the

National Forests for personal firewood use (onsite) or purchase firewood locally.

In addition to State fines for violating the rules that prohibit transporting ash trees and wood products out of the quarantine areas, hunters and other visitors who bring firewood from the quarantine areas to the National Forests could face a fine up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for up to six months or both. If the offender actually introduces the emerald ash borer to the National Forest, that person could be required to bear the cost of eradication and restoration of the infested area, which could cost

thousands of dollars.

Severe EAB infestations have already killed millions of ash trees in southern Michigan. The states of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana have quarantines and regulations in place to prevent the movement of infected firewood and trees; however, there continues to be small infestations in areas across the Lower Peninsula, probably caused by humans transporting nursery stock or firewood. No current infestations are known in the Upper Peninsula. For more information about the emerald ash borer, visit www.emeraldash-borer.info

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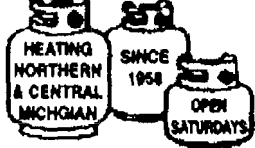
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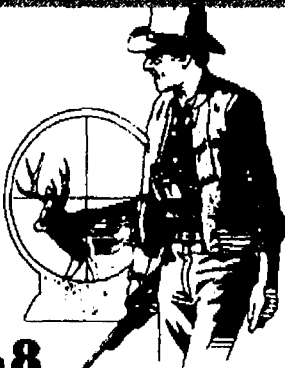
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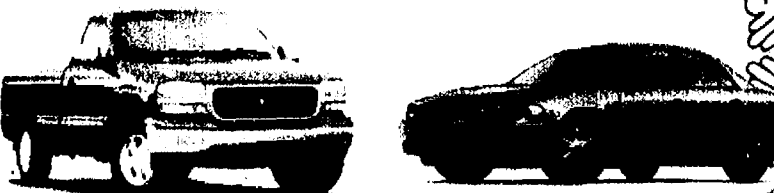
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Viking Marching Band performs at local residence



Picture taken by Michael Wrobel, Band Director, Grayling High School

The Grayling Viking Marching Band performs the Command Performance Raffle winning concert at the Michael and Tracey Hoag residence.

The Grayling Viking Marching Band performed their "Trip Around The Calendar Year" Show at the residence of Michael and Tracey Hoag, Friday, October 22. This winning performance was a result of the Command Performance Raffle, sponsored by the Grayling Viking Band Boosters. The winner of the raffle, MaryAnn

Thomason, sent the band to the Hoag residence because it was near her home and within the 10 mile radius from downtown Grayling that was one of the rules of the raffle.

The band performed the following musical selections: Auld Lang Syne (January), My Funny Valentine (February), Danny Boy (March), Pomp and Circumstance (May), Schools Out (June), Stars and Stripes Forever (July), Take Me Out To

The Ball Game (August/September), Thriller (October), and Carol of the Bells/Jingle Bells (December). They also played several other selections including band favorites of Chicken Dance, Louie Louie, and the school fight song.

After the concert on the front lawn, the band travelled back to Grayling High School in time for the last regular season football game and Parents' Night, making

another busy evening for the band.

The Command Performance Raffle is designed to raise money for the camp scholarship fund, for upcoming band trips, and other expenses of the band booster program.

Last year, winner Martha Bittner sent the band to the Grayling Nursing Center.

Their band directors are Matthew L. Bishop and Michael J. Wrobel.

AP involved in election day activities

AuSable Primary School participated in a mock election for the president on November 2. Their vote reflected the vote across the country.

Many of the classes had spent time reading books about past presidents, the President, his job, symbols for our country and what makes the USA a great place to live.

This year, Scholastic published a book titled, *My Teacher for President* by Kay Winters, which was

written for young children. It compares the life of the President to the life of a teacher. It made many connections to the student's life that they could understand and relate to.

Kindergarten students used a hand vote while first and second grade students used various kinds of paper ballots.

The final tally showed 251 votes for George W. Bush and 135 for John Kerry.

Unemployment picture improving but still worse than 2001

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Since September 2001, the employment picture for Crawford County has gotten slightly grimmer. The unemployment rate continued to increase during 2002 and 2003 but has begun to turn around this

year. However, it still has not recovered to the 2001 level.

Although the workforce size has decreased slightly, the number of unemployed has risen. The rate across the county has gone from 5.2% unemployed in September 2001 to 6.2% currently. The rise represents approxi-

mately 50 more people who have been unable to find work in this county.

Grayling Township, with the largest workforce, went from 3.6 percent unemployed to 4.4 percent unemployed. This increase represented approximately 25 more people unemployed.

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Elks edge Vikings 43-41

Grayling to play in district tournament at Cheboygan next week

■ Elk Rapids wins varsity basketball game on two last second free throws

The GHS varsity girls basketball team lost a close game at Elk Rapids last Tuesday by a final score of 43-41.

After a low-scoring first quarter, the Vikings led 5-2. Grayling had a 16-12 edge at halftime. The Elks outscored GHS 16-10 in the third quarter and took a 28-26 advantage into the fourth period.

In the final minute of the game, Grayling scored two three-pointers – one by Mandy Czapek and one by Trisha Petersen – to tie the game at 41-41. A foul by Grayling on an Elk Rapids shot attempt put the Elks at the free throw line with six seconds left in regulation. Elk Rapids hit both free throws. Grayling's last second shot missed, and the Elks hung on to win 43-41.

"We had the opportunities to win this game, but we did not capitalize on them. Too many missed lay-ups and a dismal effort from the free throw line (6 of 18) was our demise tonight. We ran through our zone offense and set plays beautifully, but we didn't make the buckets," Coach L.J. Mead said. "Mandy Czapek and Trisha Petersen hit clutch three-pointers with under a

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See "ELKS EDGE..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

Michelle McGuire passes the ball in last Tuesday's varsity girls basketball game at Elk Rapids.

Firearm deer season opens Monday

■ Orange Coat Round-Up event to be held on November 15 and 16

To help kick off the beginning of this fall's firearm deer hunting season, the annual Orange Coat Round-Up competition – sponsored by the Camp Grayling Conservation Club and hosted by Skip's Sport Shop – will be conducted on the first two days of the firearm deer season, November 15 and 16.

The Orange Coat Round-Up event gives hunters the chance to display their deer on the buck pole at Skip's and win prizes in a variety of categories.

To be eligible for prizes, hunters must have an Orange Coat Round-Up button. Buttons can be purchased at Skip's Sport Shop for \$2.

The grand prize, a scoped rifle, will be awarded to the hunter who brings in the buck with the largest rack over the course of the two-day competition.

The following prizes will be awarded in the following categories on both days of the Orange Coat Round-Up:

- First 10 bucks – \$50 savings bond or \$25 cash;

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See "FIREARM DEER..."

Vikings to play Bucks in round one of districts

■ Girls basketball tournament to be held at Cheboygan next week

The Vikings of Grayling High School will play the Bucks of Roscommon in round one of the MHSAA's Class B District #63 girls basketball tournament to be held at Cheboygan High School next week.

The Grayling vs. Roscommon contest will be the first game of the tournament. The match will be played at 5 p.m. on Monday,

November 15. The winner will play Elk Rapids in the semi-finals on Tuesday, November 16, at 5 p.m.

In the other bracket, Cheboygan will face Kalkaska in round one in the 6:45 p.m. game on Monday, November 15. On Tuesday, the winner of that contest will play Houghton Lake at 6:45 p.m. in the semi-finals.

The tournament's championship game will be played on Friday, November 19, at 7 p.m. The winner of the District #63 tournament will advance to the Region #16 tournament to be

held at Houghton Lake High School.

Grayling has faced its round one opponent – Roscommon – twice this year already. The Vikings won both contests. If Grayling advances, the Vikings will play Elk Rapids, a team they have faced twice this year. Grayling won the first game and Elk Rapids won the rematch.

The Vikings did not play Cheboygan or Houghton Lake this season. Grayling split with Kalkaska this year, with the home team winning both contests.

JV team wins at Elk Rapids



Photo by Caleb Casey

Monica Leslie passes the ball to a Viking teammate in last Tuesday's Grayling vs. Elk Rapids junior varsity girls basketball game at ER. Grayling won the contest 44-37. For more on the team, see Page 3B.

Michigan High School Athletic Association Girls Basketball Class B District #63

(Bye)

Elk Rapids

GRAYLING

Monday, November 15
5 p.m.

Roscommon

Cheboygan

Monday, November 15
6:45 p.m.

Kalkaska

Houghton Lake

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Elk Rapids

Semi-Final
Tuesday, November 16
5 p.m.

Semi-Final
Tuesday, November 16
6:45 p.m.

Houghton Lake

All games will be held at
Cheboygan High School



Final
Friday, November 19
7 p.m.

Winner
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Ashley Bindschatel shoots for the Vikings in last week's JV game at Elk Rapids.



Kelly Lange handles the ball for Grayling on Tuesday in a game vs. the Elks of Elk Rapids.

JV basketball team wins at Elk Rapids

Junior varsity girls basketball team defeats Elks 44-37 on Tuesday night

Grayling High School's junior varsity girls basketball team defeated the Elk Rapids Elks 44-37 at ER last Tuesday.

Grayling had a slim lead after one quarter, 10-9, and the score was tied at halftime 17-17. The Vikings had a 28-27 edge going into the fourth period. GHS outscored Elk Rapids 16-10 down the stretch to win by seven.

"This was an exciting game and win for us. The girls really played well as a team. I always love to look at the stats and see that they are spread out so that more than a couple of girls are

contributing to a win," Coach Kelly McCoy said.

For GHS, Jessica Bohenmoyer had 10 points, 4 rebounds, 1 block, and 2 steals; Ashley Bindschatel had 9 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, and 6 steals; Monica Leslie had 10 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, and 2 steals; Amber Palmer had 6 points and 1 rebound; Abby Wheeler had 4 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 steals; Kelly Lange had 4 points, 1 assist, and 1 steal; and Ali Ferrigan had 1 point, 2 rebounds, and 4 assists.

On Thursday, October 28, the Vikings lost a close game at East Jordan 42-39.

"We were up 26-20 at the half. The girls were playing aggressively the entire game and we had two players foul out of the

game. With less fouls, I believe we would have pulled through," Coach McCoy said. "East Jordan played a good game."

For Grayling, Bindschatel had 16 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, and 1 steal; Wheeler had 8 points, 1 rebound, and 1 steal; Bohenmoyer had 6 points, 6 rebounds, 3 blocks, and 1 assist; Leslie had 5 points; Palmer had 2 points and 1 steal; Lange had 1 point, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, and 1 steal; and Ferrigan had 1 point, 1 rebound, 1 assist, and 1 steal.

The Vikings ended their 2004 season with a home game against Harbor Springs on Tuesday, November 9.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Ali Ferrigan looks for an open teammate on Tuesday night at Elk Rapids.

Elks win freshman game 50-43



Jessie Baker shoots for Grayling in last Tuesday's freshman girls basketball game at Elk Rapids. The Elks won the contest by a final score of 50-43.

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No health worries for deer, turkey hunters

by Aaron Foley
Capital News Service

LANSING — The spread of two animal diseases shouldn't worry hunters this Thanksgiving. Many say the turkey or venison they put on the table won't harm their loved ones.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is wrapping up an analysis of chronic wasting disease, or CWD, in deer and elk populations. The report is expected by December.

In Michigan, there have been no reported cases of CWD, but increasing rates in other states, including Wisconsin, triggered the study.

CWD is a contagious neurological disease that causes behavioral abnormalities and death. It cannot be transmitted to humans.

It's the first time this analysis

has been done in Michigan, said Dr. Dan O'Brien, a veterinarian for the DNR.

"It's a disease that has caused considerable sickness and death in western states," O'Brien said. "It has adverse economic effects for folks who hunt free-range deer and elk and folks who raise those deer and elk."

One aspect of the DNR's analysis is judging whether captive deer and elk are properly sheltered from their wild kin.

"If you can keep the free-range and the captive deer and elk separate, that mitigates the risk if the disease is ever introduced," O'Brien said. "Ideally, you'd like to keep them separate, but in the real world that can't happen."

Dan Marsh, executive director of the Michigan Deer and Elk Farmers Association in Port

Huron, said CWD should be a priority for state officials. "We hope to work with the legislature and the governor to ensure appropriate funding and continued attention to this important issue."

Meanwhile, as turkey season comes to a close November 9, the threat of West Nile virus — the disease that recently has affected several bird species — is small, if not nonexistent, in turkeys.

James Powell, public relations manager for the National Wild Turkey Federation, said the disease hasn't stopped hunters from going after the bird.

In fact, he said, turkey-hunting licenses have increased in recent years.

"Initially, we were concerned," Powell said. "I think everyone was concerned about West Nile virus in avian populations."

Powell said hunters shouldn't worry about West Nile virus. Unlike other bird populations, turkeys have adapted to survive it. "Turkeys seem to have a natural resistance to that disease."

The Federation, which has more than 50 affiliates in Michigan, reports more than 6.4 million wild turkeys live in the United States, Canada and 11 other countries.

Powell added that not only have turkey-hunting licenses increased, but so has the popularity of the sport as a whole — especially in the fall.

"If you go back to the origins of it, fall turkey hunting was how turkey hunting began," he said. It tapered off for a few decades, but "now we're seeing a resurgence in the popularity of fall turkey hunting."

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Hunting: 2004 Deer Check Stations

In a continuing effort to gather information on the state's deer population, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is encouraging hunters to bring their deer to DNR check stations located throughout the state this hunting season.

"The information gathered at DNR deer check stations is used in population models that help biologists make recommendations for future deer seasons. Biologists age each animal, measure antler beams, and examine for disease. All of these observations are important to monitoring the overall health of the deer herd," the DNR states on its website. "Hunters who bring their deer or deer heads to any DNR check station will learn about their animal and will receive a

2004 Successful Deer Hunter Patch in appreciation for assisting the DNR in gathering deer management data.

"Hunters who bring their deer to the check stations should have their deer in an accessible location on the vehicle so DNR staff can easily examine teeth and measure antler diameters. DNR staff measure antlers, examine teeth, and record where the deer was taken, its age, sex, total antler points, and antler beam diameter. This data is important in helping evaluate the health and condition of the deer herd for future management.

"(Hunters) do not need to bring the entire animal into a check station. Many hunters bring the head only to be checked, which provides biologists with the information they are seeking.

"The check stations are located at several DNR field offices, state game areas, parks, and recreation areas. A complete schedule of field offices and check stations can be found (at the DNR's website). Before traveling to a specific check station, telephone first to confirm hours and location," the DNR states.

Six of the closest deer check stations are:

- Grayling Field Office, 1955 N. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, 989-732-3541 (phone number is for Gaylord office);
- Roscommon Operations Service Center, 8717 North

Roscommon Rd., Roscommon, 989-275-5151;

- Gaylord Operations Service Center, 1732 West M-32, Gaylord, 989-732-3541;

- Houghton Lake Field Office, 180 S. Harrison Rd., Houghton Lake, 989-422-5192;

- Kalkaska Field Office, 2089 N. Birch, Kalkaska, 231-258-2711;

- Mio Field Office, 191 S. Mount Tom Road, Mio, 989-826-3211.

"Checking deer is completely voluntary. You are not required by law to bring a deer in no matter where you shoot it.

"As part of the DNR's program to monitor bovine tuberculosis in deer, hunters taking deer in the following 33 counties are encouraged to bring their deer or deer heads to any DNR office for free tuberculosis testing: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, and Wexford.

"As part of the state's ongoing Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Surveillance Plan, 60 deer heads from each county will be collected from volunteers for submission to Michigan State University for CWD testing," the DNR states.

Forest Service asks hunters to use local firewood

The U.S. Forest Service is asking hunters who plan to hunt on National Forests of Michigan to leave their firewood at home and use firewood either gathered on the National Forest or purchased near the forests.

The agency is concerned that hunters may unintentionally bring the emerald ash borer to the National Forests. The insect, originally from Asia, invaded Southeast Michigan and parts of Ohio and Indiana. The beetle's larvae spend the winter months eating its way through the cambium layer, just under the bark. Because the cambium is the part of the tree that transports water and nutrients, the larvae prevent the tree from nourishing itself and the tree dies.

At this time of year, the larvae is inside the tree, and hunters could move infested firewood without realizing it.

The State of Michigan has a

quarantine in place to prevent the movement of wood from 13 counties in Southeast Michigan; however, there have been other small infestations in areas across the lower peninsula, probably caused by humans transporting nursery stock or firewood.

In addition to the fine for violating the quarantine, people who transport infested wood to the National Forests may be liable for the costs to eradicate the beetle, which involves removing all ash trees within 1/2 mile.

Firewood can also carry other diseases or invasive species, including gypsy moth and oak wilt.

For more information about the emerald ash borer, visit www.emeraldashborer.info

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• Handle all firearms as if they were loaded, at all times.

Every year there are news stories of accidents where someone thought they were handling an unloaded firearm, and it fires and injures or kills someone. If you always consider a weapon to be loaded, and treat it accordingly, this won't happen.

• Watch where you point the muzzle of every firearm.

This takes diligence and awareness, but it is a skill that can be quickly developed. Always be aware of where other people are in relation to your muzzle, and let your hunting partners know if they are not being as careful as you are. It is easy to lose concentration when everyone is uncasing their guns at the back of the pickup, or when you are tired at the end of the day. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.

• Don't rely on your firearm's safety.

A safety is a mechanical device, and it could fail at any time. Use it religiously except when you are ready to fire, but never assume that because the safety is on, you are 100 percent safe. Unload the firearm when not in use, and leave the action open, if possible. Also, after you

shoot, put the safety on before you take your first step.

• Be sure of your target, and what is in front and behind your target.

It is easy to get excited when you see that big buck, but first make sure that it is really a deer, and if it is safe to shoot. Make sure there are no buildings, people or roads behind the deer that would be in danger if you miss or the bullet passes through the animal. If you are not 100 percent sure of where your hunting companions are, or if there isn't enough light or a clear sight line to the target, pass up the shot. You will get another chance at a deer, but sending a bullet out of your barrel without being sure of your target and background is an invitation to disaster.

• Take care of your firearms and ammunition, and treat them with respect.

Don't just grab a gun and some ammo that have been stored for months as you leave the house the morning of your hunt. Spend some time to make sure your equipment is in good shape. Take it out before the hunt to check the sights or scope. Make sure the barrel is not obstructed and that the action works properly. Make sure the ammunition matches the firearm. Never horseplay with firearms, and never climb a fence, ladder, tree or tree stand, or cross difficult or slippery terrain with a loaded firearm. Also remember that you can set the example for everyone in your group, especially for younger hunters.

• Be safe if you are using a tree stand.

Never climb into the stand carrying your weapon. Unload your weapon and use a line to

pull your gun or bow up after you have fastened your safety harness (remember to reload after you are settled). Reverse the process when you leave the tree stand. Always unload the weapon, and always use a safety harness or belt.

• Control your emotions.

After you shoot that 10-point-er, don't turn with your loaded firearm, with the safety off, toward your friends. Don't run to the downed animal, or chase off into someone else's firing lane. Rehearse in your mind what safe actions will be, and always be aware of your surroundings. Show some discipline and restraint, and don't take poor shots that may be unsafe.

• Be aware of any other circumstances that may affect safety.

If the landowner tells you to stay out of an area, respect his directions. Rain, fog, snow or sleet may reduce visibility or create hazardous conditions. Use common sense, and remember that a tragic accident can be the result of taking chances.

• Never mix alcohol or drugs with firearms.

The first drink of the day is the end of the hunting day, no matter what time it is. Forget the eye-opener, the flask "to keep you warm," or the pick-me-up with lunch, and don't tolerate drinking (or drugs) from anyone you hunt or shoot with. Alcohol and guns are a deadly combination. Before you have that beer with dinner at night, make sure all firearms are already unloaded, cleaned and cased. In addition, if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications that may affect your

judgment, or make you drowsy, anxious or otherwise impaired, check with your doctor or pharmacist to see if there is an alternative.

• Safety does not end when you leave the woods.

Even if you are tired, cold and hungry when you get home, safety is still the first priority. Before anything else, store your firearms and ammunition in a safe place, separate from each other and out of the reach of children. Then call your friends to come see your deer, take a hot shower and get a decent meal. You've earned it.

Remember that hunting is a process, not a destination. No deer is worth risking your or someone else's life. There are friends, family and other people in the woods with you, and a successful hunt is not really measured in points and pounds, but in fellowship and appreciation of our natural world.

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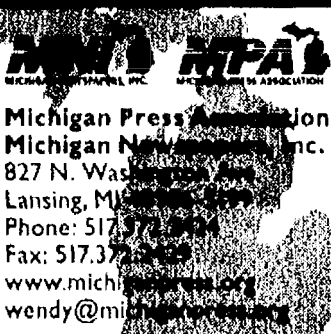


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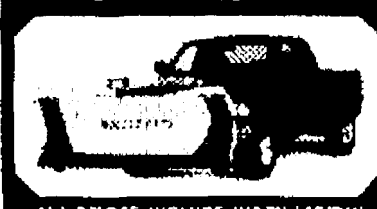
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Karate instructor wins world title

Members of New World Karate, a local karate club, recently competed in the 40th annual American Karate Grand Nationals and the 2004 World Sport Karate Federation World Championships at Chicago's O'Hara Hyatt Convention Center.

Several NWK members placed in their respective divisions, with their instructor - Zack Burns - taking the world title in continuous sparring with a unanimous decision.

The tournament consisted of point sparring, team sparring, weapons, forms, musical forms, and breaking.

New World Karate is open to men, women, and children of all ages and abilities. NWK will be hosting its own second annual Battle at the 45th Parallel tournament, which will be held in Grayling on April 16, 2005. The tourney will be open to all styles from novice to 60 black belt divisions. For more information, contact New World Karate at 989-344-6083 or e-mail Zack at thebattle45@yahoo.com. NWK's website is www.NWKKarate.com.

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High Series Men: P. Faustman, 713; G. Psenicka, 519; G. Wolfe, 506.
High Game Men: P. Faustman, 264; G. Psenicka, 215; L. Wyatt, 185.
High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 487; M. Rysso, 483; D. Hall & C. Clark, 409.
High Game Women: M. Rysso, 193; N. Glasslee, 179; P. Harris, 167.

Pioneer League

Grayling Chiro.Clinic . . 24 - 8
AJD Forest Product . . . 17 - 15
Chemical Bank 17 - 15
South Side River Rats . . 17 - 15
Grayling Restaurant . . 16 - 16

Custom Interior 13 - 19
McDonald's 12 - 20
Rochette's 11 - 21
High Series: T. Rock, 552; C. Jones, 545; T. Parker, 519.
High Game: T. Rock, 214; T. Parker, 205; C. Jones, 190.

Recreation League

Gr. Nursing Center . . . 26.5 - 9.5
Hawk Ridge Golf . . . 22.5 - 13.5
American Legion 21 - 15
Glen's Market 20 - 16
Peterson Saw Service . . 16 - 20
Woody Girls 13 - 23
Mickey Perez CPA . . . 13 - 23
Coldwell Banker 12 - 24
High Series: V. Balmes, 540; M. Starks, 509; K. Moshier, 472.
High Game: V. Balmes, 236; M. Starks, 192; P. D'Amour, 185.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Fritch Electric 39 - 17
Weyerhaeuser 29 - 27
Little Tyke Daycare . . . 29 - 27
AJD Forest Products . . . 27 - 29
Denny's Village Idiots . . 25 - 31
Dennco 19 - 37
High Series Men: S. Miller, 586; D. Canfield, 574; K. Slater, 543.
High Game Men: S. Miller, 225; D. Canfield, 194; K. Slater, 191.
High Series Women: E. Slater, 518; M. Cole, 463; M. Miller, 445.
High Game Women: E. Slater, 217; M. Cole, 167; M. Miller, 165.

National First

Denholm Chiropractic . . 39 - 24
Corky's Karaoke 39 - 24



Legion Lanes 34 - 29
Hart Pontiac-GMC 32 - 31
Ole Barn 32 - 31
Sawmill 31 - 32
Faustman's Insurance . . 29 - 34
E-Z Built Homes 16 - 47
High Series: J. Robideau, 593; J. Barton, 590; D. Walker, 575.
High Game: J. Robideau, 266; M. Deming, 224; G. Wolfe, 224.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn 58
Growlers Pub 50
Legion 49
Holiday Inn 49
Sawmill III 41

Men's Standings

Sawmill I 41
5 Ball Run, Donna (Legion),
Lochelle and Melonie (Holiday Inn),
6 Ball Run, Patsey (Holiday Inn),
Tonya and Beth (Growlers Pub).

Men's Standings

Legion 43
Two Track Inn #1 43
Two Track Inn #2 18
Growlers Pub 35
Frederic Inn 35

Riverside

Riverside 27
Sawmill #1 47
Sawmill #2 29
Lords of the Table - 8 Ball Run,
Frank (2) and Jerry (Riverside),
Tom (Frederic Inn), Phil

(Sawmill #1). Won all six, Roger and Frank (Riverside), Mark and Scott (Legion), Jimmy and Jeff (Legion). 8 Ball Break, Scott (Growlers).

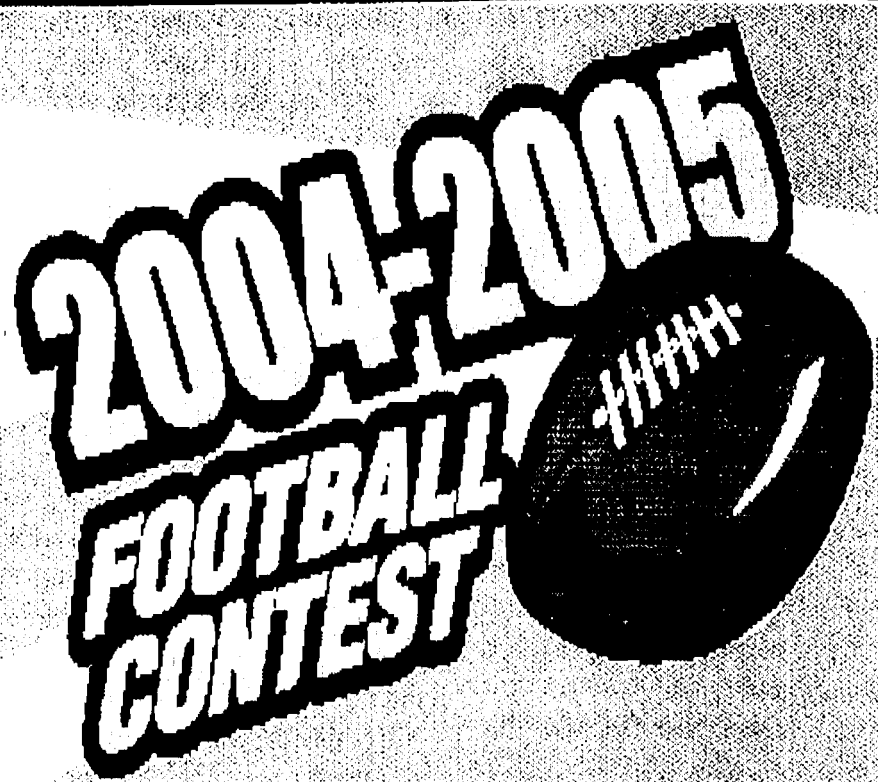
Week #9 Winning Games

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| 1. Washington (27) | 6. Pittsburgh | 11. Denver |
| 2. Arizona | 7. Tampa Bay | 12. New England |
| 3. Buffalo | 8. Chicago | 13. Wisconsin |
| 4. Cincinnati | 9. Seattle (69) | 14. Notre Dame (30) |
| 5. Oakland | 10. San Diego | |

WEEKLY PRIZES

- Sports Cap - Scheer Motors
- Free 20 lb. Propane Cylinder Fill Up - Fick & Sons
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- \$50 - Crawford County Avalanche
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1. Detroit vs. Jacksonville

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2. Chicago vs. Tennessee

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3. Houston vs. Indianapolis

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4. Baltimore vs. NY Jets

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6. Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta

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7. Kansas City vs. New Orleans

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8. Pittsburgh vs. Cleveland

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9. Cincinnati vs. Washington

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10. NY Giants vs. Arizona

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11. Minnesota vs. Green Bay

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12. Carolina vs. San Francisco

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| Game 1 _____ | | Game 8 _____ | |
| Game 2 _____ | | Game 9 _____ | |
| Game 3 _____ | | Game 10 _____ | |
| Game 4 _____ | | Game 11 _____ | |
| Game 5 _____ | | Game 12 _____ | |
| Game 6 _____ | | Game 13 _____ | |
| Game 7 _____ | | Game 14 _____ | |

Tiebreaker 1 Game #1 _____ Tiebreaker 2 Game #9 _____ Tiebreaker 3 Game #14 _____

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner.
(2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 480, Grayling MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

13. Georgia vs. Auburn

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LEGAL ACTION

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES)

Detroit Legal News, 1409 Allen Road, Suite B, Troy, MI 48063-4003; Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties-Phone (248) 577-6100

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Claudine K. Stocker, a married woman, of Crawford County, Michigan to LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY, dated the 7th day of December, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and the State of Michigan on the 10th day of March, A.D. 1999, in Liber 476 of Crawford County Records, page 352, which said mortgage was thereafter on, to-wit the 25th day of March, A.D. 2004, assigned to JP Morgan Chase Bank, formerly known as Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-LB1, thru mesne assignments and recorded on April 5, 2004 in the office of Register of Deeds in Liber 667 for said County of Crawford Records, on page 144, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$27,618.61 (Twenty seven thousand Six hundred eighteen dollars and Sixty one cents) including interest there on at 10.99% (Ten point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of May, A.D. 2004, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Beaver Creek, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

The South 1/2 of East 1/2 of West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; Section 17, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

Tax ID: 050-017-015-040-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 15, 2004
WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR#03483017

-21-28-4-11

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Daniel Niederer and Bonnie Niederer, his wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for First Residential Mortgage Network, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation Mortgagee, dated June 9, 2003 and recorded June 13, 2003 in Liber 638, Page 541, Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Ten Cents (\$104,358.10) including interest 8.18% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM, on Wednesday, December 1, 2004. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are

described as: Situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, to-wit: West 1/2 of Lots 11 and 12, Block 13, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

Being the same property conveyed to Daniel Niederer and Bonnie Niederer, his wife, by Warranty Deed dated February 13, 1991, of record in Liber 307, Page 568, in the Crawford County, Michigan Register of Deeds. Commonly known as 505 Lake St, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: OCTOBER 28, 2004 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for First Residential Mortgage Network, Inc. Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 04-29153 ASAP616616 1/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

AFTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tracey L. Hubbard, a married woman and Thomas L. Hubbard, husband of Tracey L. Hubbard, original mortgagor(s), to Watson Group Financial Corp., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 9, 1996, and recorded on March 12, 1996 in Liber 408 on Page 451, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of America, FSB as

assignee by an assignment dated February 14, 1996 recorded on March 12, 1996 in Liber 408 on Page 458, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven And 44/100 Dollars (\$59,811.44), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on December 15, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan; commencing at the center of said Section 29, thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes West (along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 29), 387.8 feet, thence South 34 degrees 02 minutes West, 408.25 feet; thence South 17 degrees 05 minutes West, 684.00 feet; thence South 71 degrees 54 minutes West, 525.55 feet; thence North 1 degree 51 minutes 30 seconds West, 33 feet for the point of beginning; thence South 83 degrees 13 minutes West, 131.15 feet, thence North 36 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West, 573.0 feet, thence North 53 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds East, 40 feet, thence North 36 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West, 129.4 feet to the left bank of the Manistee River, thence Northeasterly (along said river bank), 160 feet, thence South 36 degrees 11 minutes 15 seconds East, 592.5 feet, thence South 1 degree 51 minutes 30 seconds East, 123.85 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel extends to the water's edge of the Manistee River, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 11, 2004

For more information, please call:

LEGAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

To all residents of Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District, notice is hereby given that on January 26, 2005, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m., at 606 Lake Street, in the village of Roscommon, an annual meeting and director's election will be held.

On the 13th day of December 2004, being forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the annual meeting, absentee ballots are available for voting in this election at the Conservation District Office located in the CRAF Center, during the regular business hours of the Conservation District which are between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Notice is also hereby given to all residents who are desiring to run for Conservation District Director in this election: petitions signed by at least five (5) residents of the Conservation District must be filed at the Conservation District Office before close of business on November 29, 2004, being sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.

Residents are individuals of legal age who can demonstrate residency in the Conservation District via one (1) piece of identification.

Secretary of the Board of Directors
Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR ELECTION DATE

Please take notice that pursuant to the provisions of the Consolidated Election Law enacted in December of 2003, the Board of Education of the Crawford AuSable School District will conduct a public hearing on the establishment of a new regular election date pursuant to law.

The dates authorized by law for school regular elections are:

- (A) The odd year May regular election date.
- (B) The general election date in both even and odd years.
- (C) The May regular election date in both even and odd years.

The Board has tentatively established May as the regular election date on an annual basis.

The hearing will be held in the Grayling Elementary School in the district at 7:00 o'clock in the p.m. on the 22nd day of November, 2004.

If the Board of Education fails to approve the tentative election date or any other date authorized by law, the regular election will be held at the odd year general election held in November commencing with the election to be held November 2, 2005.

The Board of Education is authorized by law to adopt a resolution setting the regular election date immediately subsequent to the public hearing.

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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger and/or name change to Bank of America, FSB
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #039810F01

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SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

October 18, 2004

Members Present: Lacey Stephan III, Dale French, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright, Ruth O'Mara

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: John Medler, Melvin Nunn, Monte Burnmeister, Gary Rossi, Rick Wilson, David Birchler
Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall

Purpose of the meeting to discuss litigation of 6131 W M-72 Hwy vs. Grayling Township and appearance in US District Court on October 20, 2004.

Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, to recess regular session and go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, to adjourn executive session and return to regular session.

No action taken on any matters.
Motion by French, second by Stephan, to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING

October 13, 2004

Members Present: Lacey Stephan III, Dale French, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Joan & Neal Michal.

Supervisor Wright called the regular October meeting of the Grayling Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m.
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Motion by Stephan, second by French, to approve minutes of September 8, 2004, as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report for August was distributed and placed on file.

3. Correspondence and Reports: (No action required) Recycling Report for Sept., E-911 Report for Aug., Chambers News for Sept., CASD Board Briefs for Sept., Fire Dept Report for Sept.

4. There were no citizens who wished to speak.

5. Request from Orin and Tanya Pello to split approximately 20 feet from the South end of Lot 19 of Davenport's Pine Acres, Grayling Township, to be added to Lot 18 of Davenport's Pine Acres to correct driveway and structural encroachments. Survey to be provided. Board noted the split would result in bringing the homestead on Lot 18 into compliance with Grayling Township Zoning Ordinances and the homestead on Lots 19&20 would remain in compliance. Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, to approve the request to split 20 feet from the South end of Lot 19 Davenport's Pine Acres and add it to the North of Lot 18 of Davenport's Pine Acres. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by O'Mara, second by

French, to approve request of Mr. C.J. Dembinski, 2830 N. Portage Ave, Lake Margrethe, to construct a seawall which would, for the purposes of preventing soil erosion, extend approximately 17 feet into the right-of-way of Colten Avenue. Colten Avenue Road End is under the jurisdiction of Grayling Township. The seawall would not interfere with the current access to the water. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Ashton, second by Stephan, to approve renewal of Grayling Township Liability insurance package for October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005, with the Michigan Township Participating Plan. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, to appoint Dale French as Grayling Township representative to the State Zoning Review Board for the Upper Manistee River System. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by French, second by Ashton, to request that the MDNR reopen Tall Pines Avenue ingress/egress to AuSable Woods Subdivision that crosses state land from Wilcox Bridge Road because its closing leaves only one exit for approximately 48 home owners in the event of a natural disaster such as a forest fire. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Three sealed bids for snowplowing of township facilities for the 04-05 winter season were opened. Ashton requested and was approved to abstain from voting as her son was one of the bidders. Motion by Stephan, second by O'Mara, to accept the low bid from SMK Beautification for \$40.00 per run at each compactor station and the Grayling Township Hall and \$50.00 per run each site for sanding or salt when necessary. Ayes, four, Nays; non, Abstain; one. Motion carried.

11. 7:45 p.m. Motion by Ashton, second by French, to recess regular session and open public hearing of necessity for Green Tree Road Private Road Maintenance Special Assessment District. All ayes, motion carried. Property owners present: David & Beth Hubbard, Ken & Sue Laabs, Dave & Diane Noelke, Don & Alexis Marshall, Terry & Sandra Bowman.

Supervisor explained a petition has been filed from over 50% of the property owners of frontage on Green Tree Road requesting that a Special Assessment District for Maintenance (snowplowing, gravel and grading) be created. Tonight is the first of two required public hearings. Subsequent to this hearing a decision will be made by the Township Board regarding whether there is sufficient necessity to authorize the Supervisor to create a tentative Special Assessment Roll which will include proposed amounts, parcels and number of years to be assessed.

Correspondence from Ken & Sue Laabs, in favor.

Preliminary estimate received from Jack Millikin, Inc. for \$5,800.00 per year, plus 1% administration fee divided by 13 property owners equaling around \$450.00 per year.

It was noted by some present that portions of Green Tree are on state land. Supervisor will contact MDNR and try to determine what affect that could have on the project.

Motion by Ashton, second by French, to close public hearing and resume regular meeting. (8:30 p.m.)

All ayes, motion carried.
Motion by French, second by Stephan, to approve creation of a Special Assessment District for Private Road Maintenance of Green Tree Road and authorize Supervisor to draft a tentative Special Assessment Roll to be heard at public hearing on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Ayes; five, nays; none. Motion carried.

12. Motion by French, second by O'Mara, to authorize Township Board members and Pat Kangas to attend M.T.A. Conference in Detroit, MI the third week of January 2005. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Stephan, second by O'Mara, to appoint Dale French to the Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals effective November 21, 2004 to fill the unexpired term of Patrick Ferrigan. Ayes; four, Nays; non, Abstain; one (French).

14. Motion by Stephan, second by Ashton, to adopt a resolution designating June 18, 2005 as Leslie Devereaux Day in Grayling Township. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Stephan, second by French, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 2690, 2704-2748, Guardian Dental \$680.77, Board & Comm Fees \$370.00 for a grand total of \$111,989.14. Ayes; five, Nays; none, Absent; none. Motion carried.

16. Monte Burnmeister was present for discussion of 6131 W M-72 Hwy vs. Grayling Township. U.S. District Court hearing set for October 20, 2004. Board members advised to be present if possible.

17. Motion by Ashton, second by French, to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
November 12, 1981

School libraries had to close their doors again last week as the last work day for laid-off teachers staffing the three libraries fell on November 1. The libraries were opened for three weeks in October using some of the 20 laid-off teachers to staff them. Severe budget cuts at the beginning of the school year prevented the libraries from opening then. Superintendent William Diedrich said at a regular school board meeting Monday night that it will cost \$4,818 to open the three libraries for the remainder of the year.

The face - the fastest hill at Hanson Hills - will be reopened for this year's ski season. And the entire recreation area will be sporting a younger, new look after seven weeks of clean-up by a Camp Shawono crew. Besides reopening the "face" - which was closed for five years - the crew has built fences, cleaned and painted the lodge, and installed two professional horseshoe pits. Additionally, they've groomed three ski hills, disassembled an old tow line, and cleared a large section near the park's entrance, cutting about 20 face cord of wood that will be burned in the lodge to reduce heating bills. Currently, the crew is working on marking cross country trails at the park.

Larkin Baker, President of the Grayling Youth Booster Club,

presented Mary Kay Hinkle, assistant Crawford County Librarian, with a plaque commemorating 50 area persons. Bill Duke, Past-President of the Booster Club, and Garland Joyce, former Chairman of the library memorial fund, started the project. About \$5,000 in Grayling Youth Booster Club memorial donations helped furnish the downstairs children's room at the county library with shelves, furniture, carpeting, chairs, a record player, and movie screen. Another project is being planned for future memorial fund donations.

A wonderful day of sharing was spent on October 24 at the first basketry convention held at the Holiday Inn in Grayling. The convention was planned and all arrangements were made by Catherine Hickey. Special instructor Grace Kabel, of Plymouth, was in attendance. A truly remarkable woman, Grace began basket making in 1969 and has been going ever since. She teaches workshops and shares her vast knowledge with all she meets. Cathy Hickey was a former student of Kabel and brought her knowledge of the craft to Grayling.

46 Years Ago
November 13, 1958

While hunting Monday Bernard Fowler saw a good-sized black bear in the vicinity of down river fire tower.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hoffman celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on October 31st. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman and all four members of their families gathered at the Jack Millikin home for a chicken dinner at which fifty-four relatives and one guest, Miss Bette Harney, were seated. The Hoffmans have been Crawford County residents since 1914, when they began farming at the old Pesky place 13 miles east of Grayling on the North River Road. They later moved to a farm about a mile farther east, and remained there until 1951 when they moved to Grayling.

69 Years Ago
November 14, 1935

Miss Veronica Lovely is the new hostess who will welcome the public to the new bakery, which has just been taken over by her father. Floyd Lovely is the new official baker under Mr. Craig.

Saturday evening a number of friends met at the home of Mrs. Gene Papendick to help her celebrate her birthday anniversary. Pinochle was enjoyed after which a very nice lunch was served to fourteen guests.

About thirty ladies met at the home of Mrs. William Hunter Friday afternoon to help her celebrate her birthday anniversary. Games were played with prizes going to Mrs. Alva Stephan, Mrs. William Blaine, Mrs. Sidney Robarge, Mrs. George Plant, Mrs. Wilbur Broadbent, and Mrs. Devere Wolcott. Potluck lunch was served in buffet style after

which Mrs. Hunter was presented with many lovely gifts.

92 Years Ago
November 14, 1912

The Grayling Dowel Co. is having their arches rebuilt and L.P. Olson is doing the mason work. He is an artist in this line.

The T-town sawmill did not run yesterday on account of no logs.

Miss Margaret Hendrickson is the new clerk at M. Simpson's grocery store.

Work on the new round house of the Michigan Central Railroad is progressing nicely. A portion of the framework is up and the work of enclosing will commence soon.

Miss Ann LaSprance has resigned her position at the M. Simpson grocery.

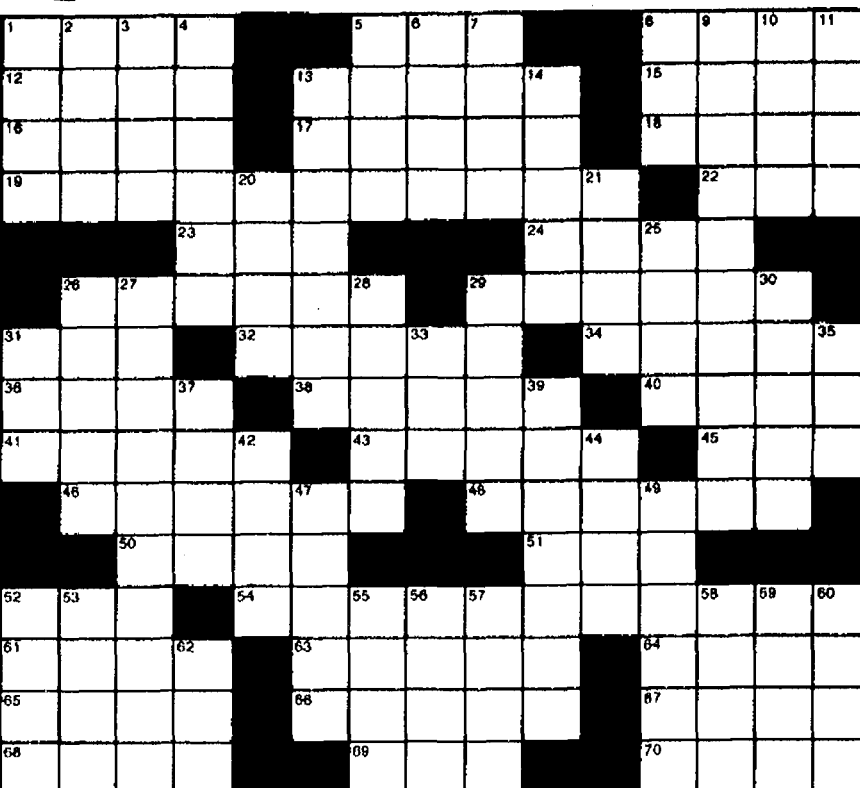
About 50 men arrived here last week for work on the new Michigan Central Railroad siding. About four miles of side track will be built.

Iner Christenson, assistant bookkeeper at Salling Hanson Co.'s office, has resigned his position and left for Detroit.

Miss Irene Burton announces an art opening at her studio above Andrew Peterson's jewelry store, Saturday.

James H. Wingard and family have moved from upstairs over the "Avalanche" office into the John Evarts house on Michigan Ave., that Mrs. M. Henne vacated lately. Mr. Wingard is enlarging his studio and intends to use the whole upstairs at the old stand for his work.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. To hall a ship.
5. Have permission to.
8. Highest point.
12. By no means; not at all.
13. Widely cultivated tropical Asian plants with starchy, edible tubers.
15. Acronym for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
16. Corn tortilla filled with meat and cheese.
17. To bring into line.
18. In your pants.
19. Illustrated by example.
22. To subject to expert appraisal.
23. Continuous portion of a curved line.
24. State of being comfortable.
26. Full of veins.
29. Polite and refined in manner.
31. Container in which wafers for the Eucharist are kept.
32. Blackens with smoke.
34. Poles used to elevate the wearer above the ground in walking.
36. Preliminary trial for a racehorse.
38. Killed violently.
40. Long snakelike fishes.
41. Viscid secretion rich in mucins.
43. Of the moon.
45. To catch hold of and squeeze tightly.
46. State of being certain, especially of oneself.
48. Living beings of great sizes.
50. Perennial woody plant with a main trunk and a distinct crown.
51. Spanish for "river."
52. Acronym for Secure Dial-In.
54. Substances produced by metabolism.
61. Round, partially underground Pueblo Indian ceremonial structure.
63. To pulsate with abnormal force.
64. Undersurface of a foot.
65. Stephen ... director of Seabiscuit.
66. Novel by Johanna Soyri.
67. In a different manner at a different time.
68. To break by striking violently.
69. Whitman, President's daughter in Independence Day.
70. To strike sharply with the open hand.

DOWN

1. Poker stake put up before the deal.
2. Act intended to dupe.
3. One time only.
4. Attendant in a royal household.
5. Country in western Africa.
6. Acronym for Aggressive Research Intelligence Facility.
7. One who practices yoga.
8. Collection of materials that reflect a person's character.
9. Suited to personal comfort.
10. Deck officer ranking below the captain.
11. General direction of sunrise.
13. Toilet powders.
14. Scornful facial expression with one corner of the lip raised.
20. Abbreviation for prosody.
21. Quick, light pats.
25. To cloy with overabundance.
28. Causative agent of an infectious disease.
27. Those who exercise administrative control.
28. To tarnish.
29. Exploiting someone.
30. Carol ... writer of children's horror novels.
31. Acronym for PIM PAM Management.
33. 19th letter of the Greek alphabet.
35. Acronym for Thrift Savings Plan.
37. Soft vibrant sound made by a cat.
39. Capital of Kenya.
42. To appear to the observation.
44. Fence bounding a racetrack.
47. Rough surface, as of paper or metal.
49. Spreads the rumor of.
52. Losing streak.
53. Very successful singer of non-operatic music.
55. Objective case of they.
56. Striking solo performance.
57. To be an omen of.
58. Fee paid for the privilege of passing over a bridge.
59. Morante, Italian novelist and poet.
60. To pass slowly through small openings.
62. Something that symbolizes grief.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



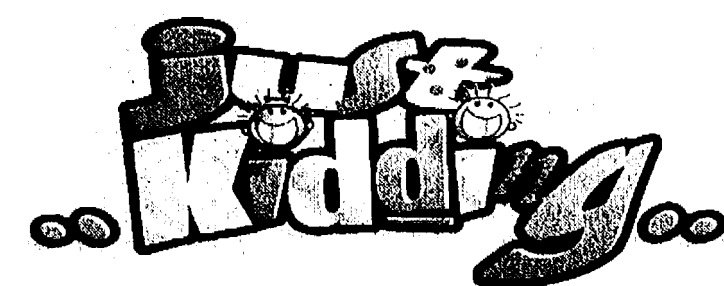
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| 4 | Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breasts | 2 | chicken bouillon cubes |
| 1 | tablespoon margarine or butter | 1 | lemon, halved |
| 3 | garlic cloves, minced | 1 1/2 | cups frozen broccoli, carrots and cauliflower |
| 2 | cups water | | |
| 3/4 | cup uncooked rice | | |

COOK: Melt margarine in large nonstick skillet. Add frozen chicken; cook over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes or until light brown. Add garlic and cook briefly. Add water, rice, bouillon cubes and juice from one lemon half. Bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes. Add broccoli, carrots and cauliflower; continue cooking 5 minutes or until internal juices of chicken run clear. (Or insert instant-read meat thermometer in thickest part of chicken. Temperature should read 170°F.)

SERVE: Cut remaining lemon half into slices and use for garnish.

CHILL: Refrigerate leftovers immediately.

Lemon Garlic Chicken

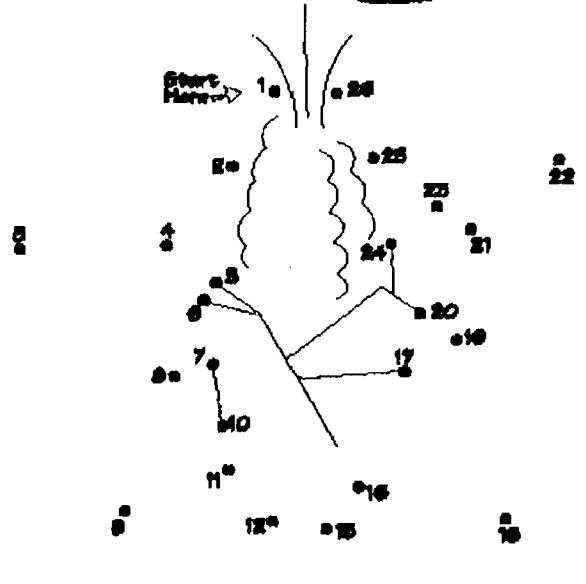
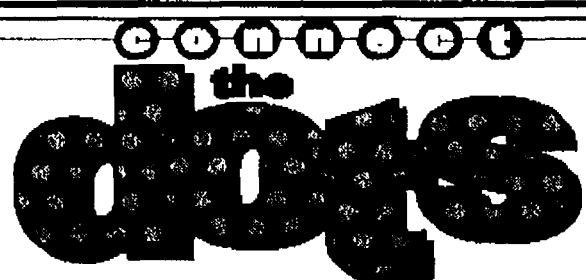


FIND THE TWINS WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

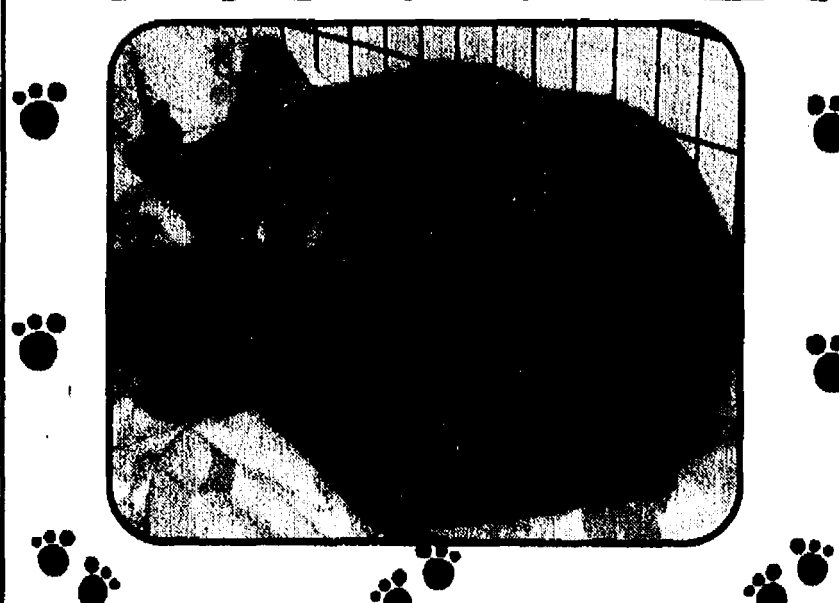


DID YOU KNOW ??

The dot over the letter "i" is called a tittle.



ADOPT A PET



Jody came to us with kittens. She is ready for a new home of her own now. She is about 1 year old, has been spayed, leukemia tested, has all of her vaccinations, and is front declawed. She is a very loving and sweet cat. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.ascc.petfinder.com

Help build a new shelter by purchasing a "Driving into the Future Raffle" ticket for a chance to win a brand new 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 2,000 will be sold. Anyone who would like a ticket should send a check or money order for the amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter Crawford County, Raffle Tickets, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets are also on sale at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe and the shelter.

Two barrels have been placed near the gates of the shelter to receive donations of return-deposit cans and bottles. The new 2005 Pet and Dog Calendars are on sale at the Avalanche for a donation of \$5 each.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of November 11, 2004



Life is what you make of it. Stop feeling sorry for yourself and get out there and make your dreams a reality. An ailing family member needs your support.

December 22- January 19



Mountains of paperwork at the office keep you from attending an important event. Send along your apologies with a friend. A letter brightens your week.

March 21- April 19



Problems at work and home put you on stress overload. Take a break from the action, turn on some music and sit back and relax for a while.

June 22- July 22



A friend's constant complaining puts you on edge. Speaking to them about it will not help—try to focus their attention on another issue.

September 23- October 22



A film reminds you how important friendships are. Reach out to a friend you haven't spoken to in a while and make a date to go out and have some fun.

July 20- August 18



A mid-week romantic getaway reenergizes you. Take advantage of the time to catch up on chores at home and get ahead on a project at work.

April 20- May 20



A startling revelation starts the week off with a bang. Give yourself some time to get used to the news before you act. Charity starts at home.

July 23- August 22



A secret is revealed sending you into a tizzy. Don't worry. It's not as bad as you think and you will recover quickly.

October 23- November 21



A computer glitch fouls up your travel plans. Don't let it get to you. Remember, every cloud has a silver lining.

January 19- February 20



Accidents happen. Keep that in mind as a horde of young family members descends upon your home. A deadline is extended.

May 21- June 21



Order and bliss are abandoned as family arrives for a visit. Take the chaos in stride and remember it's only for a few days.

August 23- September 22



Something is afoot at home. Get out your magnifying glass detective badge and do some snooping. Project receives the green light.

November 22- December 21

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

| Date | H | L | Rain |
|------|----|----|------|
| 11/3 | 42 | 37 | 0.03 |
| 11/4 | 47 | 30 | 0 |
| 11/5 | 41 | 35 | 0.24 |
| 11/6 | 49 | 37 | 0 |
| 11/7 | 58 | 36 | 0 |
| 11/8 | 44 | 27 | 0.06 |
| 11/9 | 32 | 23 | 0.01 |

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

| Date | High | Low | Conditions |
|-------|------|-----|-------------|
| 11/10 | 36 | 19 | High Clouds |
| 11/11 | 35 | 19 | High Clouds |
| 11/12 | 45 | 27 | High Clouds |
| 11/13 | 46 | 26 | High Clouds |
| 11/14 | 45 | 27 | High Clouds |
| 11/15 | 45 | 29 | High Clouds |

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

NEWLY BUILT HOME 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 car attached garage. 5 miles east of Grayling. \$85,000. 348-4840. (-4-11-18-25/1)

1. Real Estate

NEW 1,800 SQ FT 3-4 bedroom, 2 full bath, 2 car garage, square 2 1/2 acres. Burton's Landing Road, near river. 348-4840. (-4-11-18-25/1)

1. Real Estate

MOBILE HOME Two bedroom, one bath, 3/4 acre, two sheds, carport, north of Roscommon, many extras. \$36,900. 989-275-6270 or leave message. (-11/1)

1. Real Estate

MODULAR HOME: Friendship Point West 27x57, 10 years old, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, vault ceilings, gas fireplace, appliances, great shape. \$19,200. Relocation buyer responsibility. Call: 989-708-0111. (-21-28-4-11-18/1)

1. Real Estate

LOTS, LOTS, LOTS vacant lots and 2.5 acre parcels access to state land and AuSable, Manistee, and Rapid River. By owner. 989-348-7355. (-4-11-18-25/1)

1. Real Estate

NICELY MAINTAINED energy efficient 3 bedroom 1 3/4 bath home on double lot. Two blocks from Lake Margrethe, includes public access and close to snowmobile trails. \$89,000. 989-344-0099. (-4-11-18-25/1)

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Wonderful floor plan, especially for entertaining or a growing family. Large family room with fireplace, formal living room and dining room, breakfast nook, four bedrooms plus a large sun room and a 2 story garage. #5249 \$112,000



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ROSCOMMON 3 BEDROOM 2 bath 1400 square foot home. I'll pay \$5,000 of buyer's loan cost. \$65,000, 359.73 payment. 517-543-3057. (-14-21-28-4-11/1)

SALE BY OWNER Commercial property 4.63 acres, 480' frontage, 475' deep. M-72 west sets between Western Motel - new orthodontic dentist. Good investment now and the future. Main traffic highway to Traverse City. Phone 989-348-4981. (-4-11-18-25/1)

RIVER RETREAT on the banks of the AuSable. Chalet with open floor plan, two bedroom, two full baths, furnace and wood heater. Extremely well kept home. Call 989-348-6245. (-11-18/1)

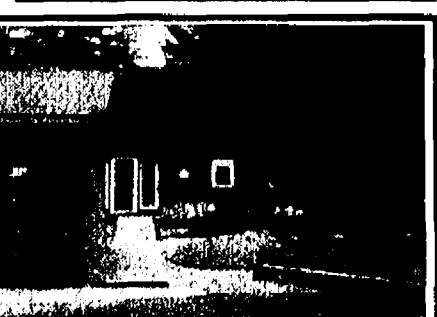
1. Real Estate



This home has great curb appeal. Exceptional four bedroom home with two and 1/2 baths and a total of 2,358 s/f of custom living space. Located on the Fox Run golf course this home features an attached garage and 20x36 detached garage for additional storage. #5363 \$299,000

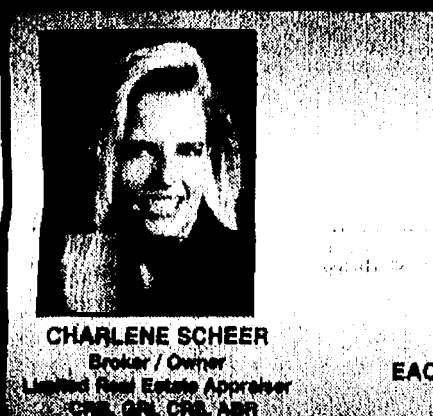
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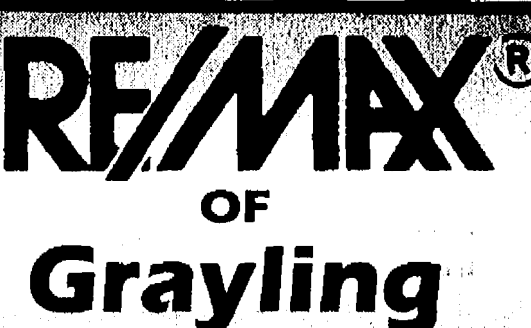


Beautiful river setting on the Southbranch of the AuSable river. Two bedroom barn style home with detached garage. Very nice landscaping on a quiet residential street. Enjoy the view of the river and the excellent fly fishing opportunities. #5400 \$169,000

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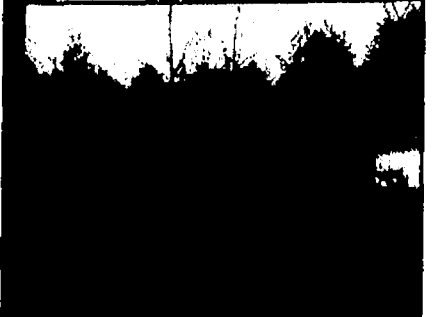
EXCEPTIONALLY BUILT HOME SITS ON SECLUDED 10 ACRES SURROUNDED BY STATE LAND 2300 sq. ft. Ranch 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large great room island kitchen. Great view from deck with hot tub. Landscaped with electrical, lighting, water and pool area. Lots of storage inside and out, especially with 3 car attached garage. Access to I-75, hunting, and snowmobile trails. Plenty more, it's a must see to appreciate the North Country at its finest! Heavily wooded and an additional 10 acres for \$30,000. CS-2031 \$255,000



316 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON THE AUSABLE RIVER Cute 3 bedroom, 1 full bath offering 1760 square feet of living space with open kitchen, dining, living room. Living room and one bedroom has knotty pine walls. Comes completely furnished. Nice mixture of trees on the property. Campfire pit in back with nice walkway to river. Close to snowmobile trails and hunting. CS-2017 \$70,500



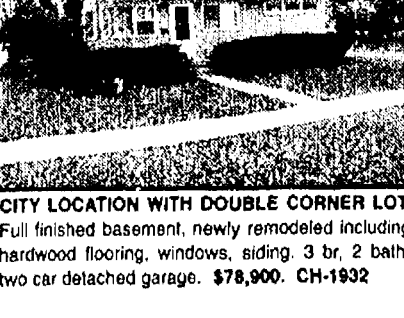
165' ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AUSABLE RIVER. Handyman special sits 60' from the river edge with picturesque setting offering 2.5 acres. Cathedral ceiling in family room with 2 skylights. Brick fireplace. Detached garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed. Cement patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. CS-1872 \$120,000



3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH home offers 1056 square feet and detached garage. In the village of Roscommon. Sit at end of a semi-private road. Property also includes a cabin that is currently being rented out. Great investment Property. Roscommon area. \$79,900.00 CS-1862



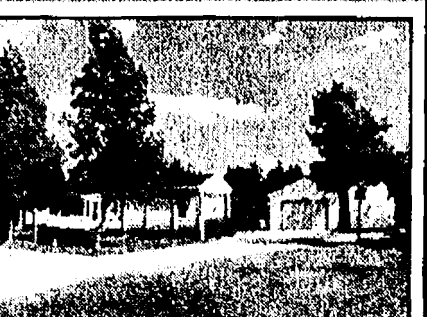
CITY LOCATION WITH DOUBLE CORNER LOT. Full finished basement, newly remodeled including hardwood flooring, windows, siding. 3 br, 2 bath, two car detached garage. \$78,900. CH-1932



HARBOR BEACH WITH DEEDED CANAL FRONTAGE AND PRIVATE SHARED SANDY BEACH 80' of shared private beach on Lake Margrethe. 3-story Chalet offers 3BR, 1 3/4BA with 1600 square feet. This home is perfect for entertaining with 2 kitchens. Includes all the appliances, 2 stoves, 2 refrigerators, microwave, garbage disposal, washer & dryer. Extensive cedar deck off living room on upper level offers breath taking views. Beamed ceilings with pickled white-wash. Ceramic tile in bath. Back top circle driveway. Mature Red Pines on property. Newer roof on house and garage. Property adjoins private buckskin park to the South. Private boat slip 17' with dock. Picnic area with volleyball & basketball court. Private road is paved. Annual Dues \$200. CS-1963 \$185,000



CEDAR COPIED BALT-BOX ON BANKS OF AUSABLE RIVER Pristine forest land w/240' fring on swif/gravel bottom stream. Cathedral ceilings w/flat rustic floor. Knotty pine interior walls & ceiling. Flagstone fireplace, hardwood floors, ceramic tile kitchen, oversized windows & 6-doorways opening onto riverside deck. Heated outdoor wood boiler heats Jacuzzi hot tub & in floor heating. 3-car detached garage w/full upstairs, private balcony, wrap around deck all on naturally unique landscaped 5.5 acres. \$235,000. CH-1967



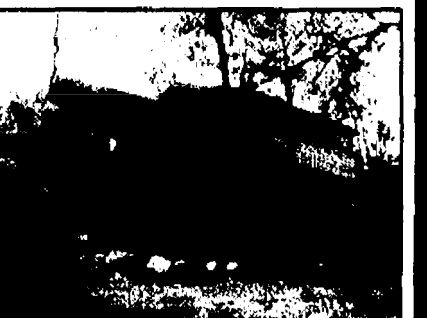
FIVE ACRES WITH EASY ACCESS TO AUSABLE RIVER Spotless 3BR, 2BA Commodore Classic mobile home offering Roof over, steel doors, vinyl replacement windows, appliances, blinds w/valances, newer oak cabinets, insulated slab, limestone private gravel circle drive, concrete apron, sidewalks, fenced garden, heated garage/barn, woodshed storage building, split rail fencing, planted Oak & Aspen trees, & landscaping \$79,900. CH-1973



SPACIOUS HOME IN EAST BRANCH ESTATES features beautiful towering pine trees in a park-like setting. This 2080 s.f. 4BR, 2BA home includes a remodeled family room, updated roof, water softener, all appliances, and two woodburners. Priced right and conveniently located. CH-1933 \$74,900



175' FRONTAGE ON EAST BRANCH OF AUSABLE RIVER 2,196 s.f. brick home w/full walk-out basement. 800 s.f. wrap-around deck, custom cedar sauna, brick fireplace w/gas logs, sliding doorwall out to patio and riverside Jacuzzi hot tub. Fully landscaped and all appliances. \$279,500. CH-1938



Great up North getaway located near St. Helen. Fresh and clean home with many updates: vinyl siding, newer windows, 1 car garage, 2 storage sheds, close to town and near State Land and Lakes. Great Price! \$516,590.00



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NEW LISTING
Four bedroom, 2.5 bath home located close to the hospital, banking and schools. Features include ceramic tile, hardwood flooring, mud room, unique country kitchen. Downstairs includes a photo dark room, bedrooms and secure storage. \$83,500 #5114



NEW LISTING
Walk to the Rialto Theatre or walk your children to school, it's all just minutes away from your front door. Newly remodeled, 4 bedroom home with 2 bathrooms, large living room, a great fenced yard and it comes with all the appliances. \$87,500 #5412



NEW LISTING
Stunning Home w/242' on the AuSable! Extras galore: a large study casual and formal dining, formal living room w/7 beveled glass doors, family room has fireplace & doorwall to deck overlooking the river, beautiful Oak & Maple staircase leads to 4 generous bedrooms & bath. #5397 \$250,000



Quality, custom built NEW HOME on a very private 2.5 acres. Features include hardwood floors, tongue & groove knotty pine ceilings, tile in both baths and laundry, custom cabinets, large deck, large insulated & dry walled garage. \$154,900 #5333



Quality Built 1 1/2 Story Chalet with a fully finished walk out basement located on 3 plus acres. Located near Stephan's Bridge with easy access to the AuSable River includes a separate 2 car garage, two fireplaces, one gas, and one wood. A must see home. \$175,000 #5321



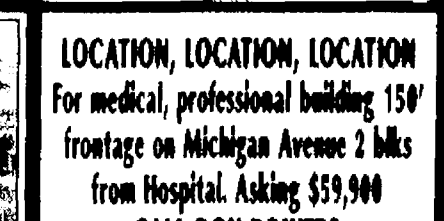
Four bedroom, one bath family home located close to schools and hospital. Home sits on two city lots, has a 1st floor laundry room, formal dining room, living room, attached two car garage, partial basement, landscaping, and concrete driveway. Everything you'll need for a large family is here! \$65,000 #5361



REDUCED
Secluded country setting for this 2 bedroom, 1 bath chalet nestled on 10 acres adjacent to thousands of acres of state land. Home features vaulted ceilings, front deck and a stunning all knotty pine interior. Truly a gem in the woods you must see! \$93,000 #5327



Brand New Home for \$74,900 Tucked in the woods! Beautiful kitchen set up with lots of cabinets & counters for the chef in the family, & the living room has vaulted ceilings & a built-in entertainment center. Close to all your "Up-North" fun activities! #5359 \$74,000



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2. For Rent

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom home with garage, very clean. \$650 per month. No pets. Call Connie 348-5474. (-11-18-25-2/2)

EFFICIENCY CABIN 1/2 mile from town, newly remodeled. \$350 per month, \$350 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. 348-5124. (-11/2)

FOR RENT 3 bedroom trailer, remodeled, near river. 344-7618. (-11-18/2)

HOUSE & CABINS at Lost Acres Large 3-4 bedroom log home w/new flooring and paint. Garage not included \$595 plus \$600 security and all utilities. One bedroom cabins for rent \$375, including all utilities plus \$200 security. 30 wooded acres. 11010 N. Old U.S. 27, 3 miles south of Waters. Walk to Blue Gill Lake. Call Leo toll free at 877-277-6976 or at 586-216-0682. SORRY, NO PETS ALLOWED. (-11/4/04/f/2)

LAKE HOME FOR RENT Beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom home with view and access to Lake Margrethe. Large 2 car garage, plenty of room to store your toys, large lot and friendly neighbors. Kitchen appliances included. Close to snowmobile trails and Hanson Hills. \$800 per month plus security. No pets. Call 586-228-2874. (-28-4-11-18-25/2)

1. Real Estate


CHANDLER ESTATES



\$75,000.00

Brand New 3 Bedroom/2 Bath home on a 3/4 acre wooded lot. Home located in a quiet subdivision on a paved road, minutes from town. A must see at: 4048 W. Pinecrest Road - Grayling MI Call 989-348-2265 (day) or 989-348-2809 (eve)

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER



4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2500 square feet, log home. Appliances, deck, 2 car attached garage. Located on a paved and private road near Hartwick Pines. 348-0194 or 619-2800

for sale by owner.com Listing #20091426

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX \$450 plus deposit. No pets, must have good rental history. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-4-11/2)

ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX mobile home located in Grayling Mobile Estates. \$400 per month includes utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-4-11/2)

NICE TWO BEDROOM home located at 505 Elm, Grayling. \$500 per month plus deposit. No pets. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-4-11/2)

FOUR BEDROOM HOME located near Four Mile and Military Road. Rent is \$625 per month plus deposit. Non-smokers, no pets, must have credit report and rental history. If interested call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-4-11/2)

FOR LEASE all or part prime commercial location at light on M-72 and 93. Call for details. (989)348-8659. (-10/14/04/f/2)

THREE BEDROOM HOME for rent. It's in town, recently remodeled with attached garage. \$600/month plus utilities. Call Shirley 732-7485 (day) or 348-1348 (evenings). (-11-18-25/2)

AUSABLE RIVER HOUSE for rent. One bedroom, one bath. First, last and security deposit with six month lease. No pets. References required. \$375 a month. 352-361-4203. (-11/2)

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, Higgins Lake and Houghton Lake. Higgins North Cottage Rentals. (989) 821-3434 (12/25/03/f/2)

BEDROOM FOR RENT Enjoy peace and quiet in this Ausable River home surrounded by woods and wildlife. One mile from Grayling. \$325 month. All utilities are free including phone, electricity, cable TV and more. 989-348-2083. (-11-18/2)

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HOMEMAKER, PERSONAL & Respite Care Provider. The Crawford County Commission on Aging is accepting applications for a part-time Homemaker, Personal and Respite Care Provider. Duties include light housekeeping, assistance with personal care and supervision of clients. Preferred candidate will have two years care giving experience or Nurse's Aide certification. Application packets can be picked up at 308 Lawndale, Grayling. Deadline is 5 pm 11/19/04. (-11-18/3)

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100 WORKERS NEEDED Assemble crafts, wood items. Materials provided. To \$480+ week. Free information package 24 hour. 801-428-4641. (-4-11-18-25/3)

1. Real Estate



Why rent when you can buy this house at \$697.00 a month. 3 bed, 2 bath, newer home.

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1. Real Estate

GREAT OPPORTUNITY! The Hall Veterinary Clinic in Gaylord has a position available for a full-time Licensed Veterinary Technician. We're looking for someone who is self-motivated and able to multi-task. Client service is a priority and computer literacy is a plus. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Please mail a resume to or drop one off at 314 North Center, Gaylord, MI 49735. We're 3 blocks north of 7-Eleven, between Sheldon & Petoskey Streets, ask for Laura or call 989-731-6208. (-11-18/3)

DATA COORDINATOR: Kirtland Community College in Rosecommon, Michigan is seeking applicants for Data Coordinator. Hourly rate of \$14.16 to \$20.53, premium fringe benefit package. For a complete position description and application information, visit our website at <http://www.kirtland.edu/hr/jobs/datacoordinator.htm> or call 989-275-5000, ext. 239. Application deadline December 3, 2004. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. (-11/3)

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NEW LISTING

FIXER-UPPER OPPORTUNITY
Fixer-Upper on 10 acres adjoining state land on two sides. 910 sq. ft. home or cabin with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, a full basement and 8'x20' enclosed front porch. Snowmobile out your front door and hunt out your back. \$55,900 #235672

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NEWER HOME ON AUSABLE RIVER Newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 203' of frontage on the upper Ausable River. Very private, lots of wildlife. Large deck to enjoy the secluded setting. \$134,900 #226011

NEW LISTING

BEAUTIFUL HOME ON J&I ACRES
Large family home on 38 acres featuring 2,010 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and 4 doorways onto extensive decking. Tongue & groove knotty pine in kitchen and dining room. Fireplace with built-in shelving, and master suite. 2-car attached garage and bonus 24'x24' garage with upstairs storage. All newer windows except 2 doorways. \$107,500 #235676

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Great Up North 1 bath cabin with a 20' x 24' garage located just minutes from Wakeley Lake or the Ausable River Mainstream. Land Contract terms: \$32,900 with 15% down (\$4,935), 10% interest \$300 per month and a 5 year payoff. Can also be purchased for \$29,900 cash. Seller is a licensed real estate agent. #234339

10 ACRES ON SPENCER CREEK
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Acreage in a nice mix of hardwoods, pines, rolling hills and meadows. Lots are in 10, 20, and 40 acre parcels. Prices from \$35,000 to \$130,000 #14849-14888

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FOR SALE - Sears Kenmore large capacity washing machine, like new. \$250. Call Eric at 348-3308. (-10/21/04tf/5)

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62 ALLIS CHALMERS tractor. 10 HP with tiller, plow and mower. Asking \$500. 348-2565. (-4-11/5)

99 SALEM LIGHT 24 foot travel trailer. Loaded, sleeps 6. \$9,500. 348-2565. (-4-11/5)

1994, 22 FOOT bunkhouse travel trailer. Nice, clean. \$5,850. 989-275-6373. (-4-11-18-25/5)

RUSTIC LOG FURNITURE local maker has quality pieces available. Built to order. Lower overhead means lower prices to you. Call 348-6677. If no answer, please leave message. (-16-23-30/5)

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AMISH BUILT pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03tf/5)

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LIKE NEW AIR HOCKEY table, full size, \$200. Wrap around couch with sleeper and recliner, good condition. \$500. 348-8713. (-4-11/5)

CAN'T FIT THE CAR IN THE GARAGE? Sell those extra goodies quick with an ad in Avalanche For Sale Classifieds. (989) 348-6811

SNOWMOBILE AND RECREATIONAL vehicle auction. Saturday November 20 at 9 am. Hundreds of snowmobiles plus 3 & 4 wheelers, motorcycles, trailers and more. You can buy or sell. All auction information and previous auction's price reports at www.snowmobileauction.com or call 517-369-1153. Sorry, no checks accepted. White Star Snowmobile Auction, Bronson, Michigan 49028. (-11/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED: Someone to hang Christmas lights. Must have own ladder. Call 275-8426, ask for Bill. (-11/6)

7. Miscellaneous

4 X 8 LIGHTED SIGNS for sale or lease, tables and chairs for lease, trash barrels for sale. Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295 (4/24/03tf/7)

REWARD OFFERED for information leading to the return of trailer and contents stolen from a building site on November 2 in Crawford County. Call 989-370-1138. (-11/7)

FREE KITTENS 348-4000. (-11/7)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling Housing Commission will be holding two public hearings on its Agency Plan. The Annual Plan is a compliance of the Housing commission's functional policies. The Five - year Plan is a guide for Housing Commission activities in the future.

As these plans are constructed, the Housing Commission must allow public review of these policies and allow for comment. Therefore, as of November 1, the Agency Plan and its constituent plans will be available for public review at the Housing Commission's office, located at 308 Lawndale Drive. At the regularly scheduled meetings, on November 9th and December 14th p.m. public hearings will be held in order to receive any public comments on the plans.

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CLUB KENO & PULL TABS at the Gray Rock Cafe! The Gray Rock Cafe has given away over \$145,000 to its patrons. Plus one loyal patron was a \$4,000 winner! Join the fun at 2123 Industrial Drive, Grayling. (-05/06/04tf/8)

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9. Personals

GAGE I am very proud of you - Love Mom. (-11/9)

10. Garage Sales

ESTATE SALE All home furnishings, beds, couches, lamps, tables, chairs, tools, power equipment, sports equipment, boat. Guthrie Lakes 11358 Fantasy Drive. Saturday and Sunday, November 13 and 14. 12 noon to 6 pm. Questions or directions call 906-643-8290. (-4-11/10)

11. Automotive

95 CHEVY BLAZER 150,000 miles, fully loaded, good condition. \$2,600. Please call after 5 at 989-344-9006. (-11-18/11)

1991 FORD TAURUS Runs well, under 98,000 miles. \$650. Call evenings. 989-821-5303. (SGF-11-18/11)

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PONTIAC GRAND AM 1995, 125,000 p/s, p/b, CD, tinted windows. \$2,500 O.B.O. 275-0667. (-4-11/11)

1994 CHEVROLET CAPRICE Classic, good condition, 101,000 miles. \$3,000 O.B.O. 1994 Chevrolet Chevy Van, 20 Stealth Sport, fair condition, 80,000 miles, 4 extra tires and wheels. \$5,000. Call 348-7780 after 4:30 pm or leave message. (-11-18/11)

1989 DODGE 1-TON van. 318 V8, good tires, side pipes, runs good, dependable. After 5 pm. \$900 O.B.O. 989-348-7602. (-4-11/11)

94 LINCOLN TOWN CAR silver, Executive Series, loaded, leather. Good car. \$2,500. Call 989-348-8890. (-11/11)

1994 BUICK ROADMASTER 145K miles. Good condition. \$2,700. 989-348-2495. (-9/16/04tf/11)

1998 CHEVY BLAZER SL 4 door, 4 wheel drive, loaded, trailer hitch. Great shape, runs great. \$7,000. Call 348-9569. (-11/11)

1988 CHEVY 1/2 TON P.U. short box, 350 V8, 4 wheel drive, runs good. \$2,400 O.B.O. 989-275-5730. (-28-4-11/11)

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3. Employment

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Thank you to all in the community who helped Mount Hope Lutheran Church have a successful Kid's Fall Festival:

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Gray-Rock Cafe
McLean's Ace Hardware
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Rochette's IGA
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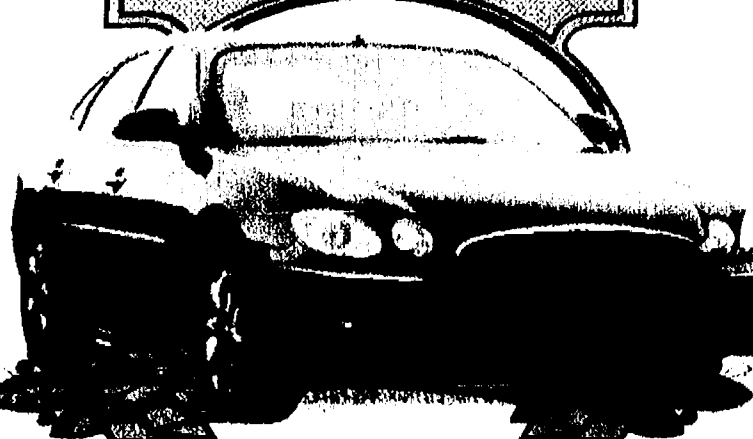
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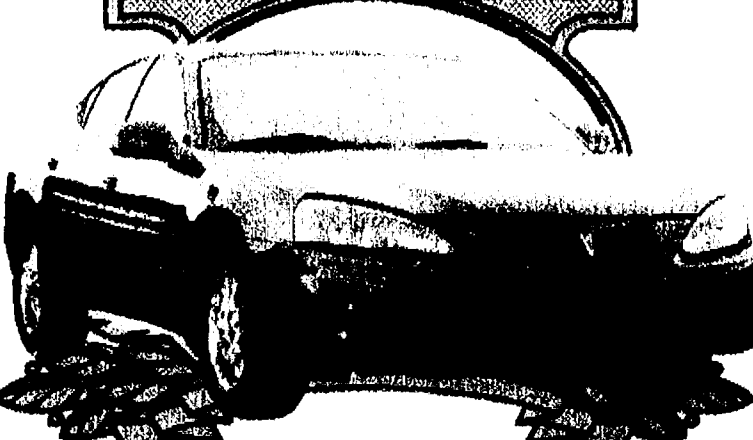
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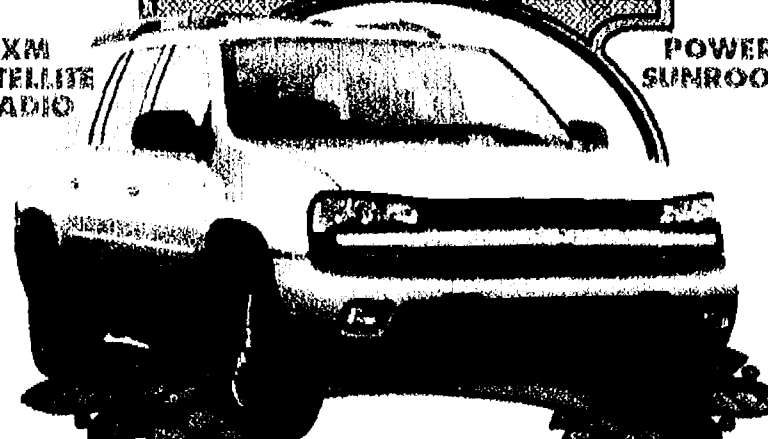
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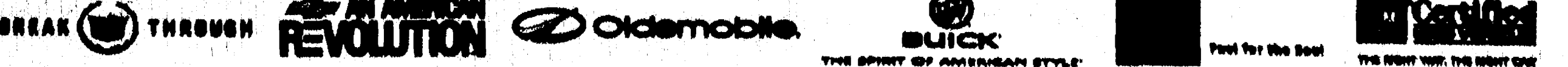
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